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Subject of Request: Jt. Fact Finding Committee on Am. Act. in CA

FOIPA No. 903,659 / 190- HQ-1250810

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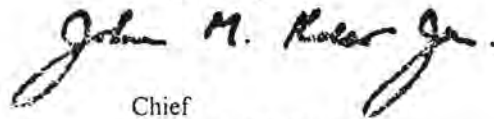
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Sincerely yours,



Chief
Freedom of Information-
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts

Subject: Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-Amer. Act. in CA

File No.: 62-2017

Section: ONE (1)



Federal Bureau of Investigation

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

61-7559

September 7, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1940, concerning the literature and information which the Assembly Relief Investigating Committee of the California Legislature has available.

It is desired that you discreetly obtain these data and forward the same to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Los Angeles, California
August 30, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] California, called at the Los Angeles Division and stated that he is [redacted] the Assembly Relief Investigating Committee of the California Legislature, State Assembly. The chairman of this committee is SAMUEL YORTY. This committee, according to [redacted] has been active for [redacted] in the investigation of Communist activities in the State of California.

[redacted] stated that as a result of their investigation they have considerable information, such as photographs and case histories of approximately 2,500 known Communists, Communist literature for public dissemination, and literature furnished only to members of the Communist Party, and information as to current activities of known Communists in Tulare County.

[redacted] stated that he desired to make this information available to the Bureau if we desired the same. He was courteously thanked for his offer in this regard, and advised that he would be contacted in the future relative to the same.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not they desire that this information be obtained from [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

Arthur Cornelius Jr

ARTHUR CORNELIUS, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **62-2017**

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">LOS ANGELES</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">3-12-41</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">2-28, 3-6-41 (incl.)</p>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c LT
TITLE <p>ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE of California Legislature; COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION CONCERNING</p>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE for the State of California conducted an investigation during 1940 on the identities and histories of Communists who held State positions in the California State Relief Administration set-up. [REDACTED] this investigating committee, states that the committee has photographs and case histories on approximately 2,500 known Communists, as well as Communist literature. The State ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE reports only identify by name as Communists a few prominent State employees. Records of this committee would be on file at Sacramento. Mr. JACK B. TENNY is the present chairman of this committee. San Francisco Division Office is requested to investigate at Sacramento.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letters of September 7, 1940 and November 28, 1940 to the Los Angeles office - Bureau file 61-7559; Los Angeles Division Office letter of September 30, 1940 to the Bureau.

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DETAILS:

Reference Los Angeles letter informed the Bureau that a [redacted] California, called the Los Angeles Division, stating that [redacted] the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE of the California Legislature State Assembly. The Chairman of the Assembly Relief Investigation Committee of the California Legislature, according to [redacted] at that time was a Mr. SAMUEL YORTY. [redacted] advised that as a result of their investigation the Committee has photographs and case histories of approximately 2,500 known Communists, as well as Communist literature for public dissemination.

The ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, pursuant to House Resolutions numbers 9 and 29 of the California Legislature, published two reports which bear California printing office numbers 87477 and 82930.

The first report is somewhat general in characterization of the Communist party movements and identifies only a few common party leaders. This report does identify Mr. ALEX NORAL of San Francisco, who is president of the Worker's Alliance. The first report, which is generally known as the SAMUEL YORTY report, also mentioned the People's World, a San Francisco Communist newspaper. The report indicates that the State Relief Administration staff is affiliated with the S.C.M.W.A., which is described in the report as being a legal organization used by the Communists to cover up illegal or underground activities. The first report indicates that the workers in the Communist party were organizing in the C.I.O., the A.F. of L, the Railroad Brotherhood, the American Youth Congress, the farmers and the negro people.

The first report indicates that the State Relief Administration of California in its State office has a group of Communists. The report reflects that the president of the National Negro Congress refused to stand for reelection as this congress was accepting contributions from the Communist party.

The term S.C.M.W.A. stands for State, County and Municipal Workers of America, a C.I.O. union.

In speaking of the State Relief Administration, Report No. 87477 of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE reflects that a professional revolutionist named JOHN E. JEFFREY, well schooled in the art of subterfuge and deception, befuddled the State Administration in handling of

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S. R. A. The report states that at Stockton, California, one of the Communists, GOODMAN BRUDNEY, was instrumental in forming the San Joaquin County Youth Council through which much Communist activity was carried on. Mr. BRUDNEY branched out from Stockton and formed a similar Youth Council at Sacramento, California.

The report aforementioned speaks of HERBERT RESNER, San Francisco labor attorney for Labor's Non-partisan League, who warned of the danger involved in any attempt to curtail the political liberties of State employees. The report indicates that RESNER was connected with the Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The report aforementioned indicates that there are gangsters in the Worker's Alliance. The report reflects that money was raised in the State Relief Administration office in Los Angeles to help finance a Communist march on the State capitol and that these individuals were joined up by Worker's Alliance members.

The report reflects that in 1937 was born "Labor's Conference for Independent Political Action", in which the Communists took an active part and which was the immediate predecessor of Labor's Non-partisan League, founded in 1938.

The report reflects that in Tulare County Director HAROLD McGRATH, an experienced social worker in S. R. A., was an accomplice of the Communists and that Communists were brought into Tulare County from the outside.

The report reflects that Director LeFEVRE of the S. R. A. at Stockton was one of those who feigned ignorance and was unable to say whether Communism was good or bad. At Stockton, California the S. R. A. was infiltrated with Communists, according to the report, and two individuals were named as Communists in the persons of BILL PLUNKERT and a worker named MELINGOFF.

The ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE subpoenaed numerous Communist witnesses, a large number of whom refused to testify and were charged with Contempt of Court. Nineteen of the Stockton members that were arrested for Contempt were members of the C. I. O. union, S.C.M.W.A.

The aforementioned report reflects that at San Francisco members of the S. R. A. who were Communists refused to work overtime. The report also reflects that the Communists were favored in San Francisco County S. R. A. offices.

The report reflects that the incumbent governor, CUTHBERT OLSON, received a campaign contribution from Labor's Non-partisan League.

The report reflects that a CAREY McWILLIAMS, who was described as one of the delegates on the Communist-inspired slate of PATTERSON, hired a Communist as his secretary. CAREY McWILLIAMS is the present director of Administration and Housing for the State of California,

It is to be noted here that the report of the STATE RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE is somewhat political in character. Undoubtedly, however, the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE has a good history on the activities and identities of rank and file Communist party members. These records would be in the Sacramento, California State Capitol and the San Francisco Division Office will be requested to determine just what records are available for inspection on rank and file Communist members.

The report of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, No. 82930, which was dated February 12, 1940, lists Dr. V. A. K. TASHJIAN, alias PARKER, as head of the Control Commission of the Communist party in the Los Angeles area. His history has heretofore been reported by the Los Angeles Division office. He is currently under investigation in the Los Angeles file entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, LOS ANGELES AREA", 100-1763.

The last named report of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE states that the Worker's Alliance is a fertile propaganda field of Communist activity, as well as the recruiting ground of the Communist party. The report states that the Worker's Alliance is the worst enemy of California's destitute unemployed.

The report reflects that contributors to the support of Labor's Non-partisan League do not realize they are financing the Communist activities of Mr. DON HEALY. This

latter named report states that among the S. R. A. officials and employees called before the Committee to testify were ALICE ORANS, chief aid to the Assistant Director of Relief, Los Angeles County; SAMUEL AYEROFF, District Director, Los Angeles County; JULES KIEVITZ, District Director, Los Angeles County; ALLEN METCALF, S. R. A. employee; LEONARD JONES, LAWRENCE BUCHANAN and CLAUDIA WILLIAMS of the Planning Research Division. These individuals refused to testify before the Committee relative to their opinions of Communism. They were represented by a member of the firm of WIRIN, GALLAGHER and JOHNSON. Mr. LEO GALLAGHER was the official candidate for Secretary of State of the State of California. Mr. WIRIN advised the Committee that he represented NED HEALY, WILLIAM HARPER and KATHERINE KILBOURNE. Mr. TASHJIAN was represented by LEO GALLAGHER. SAM HUSTON ALLEN and LONA CLAYPOOLE, a social service interviewer, were also questioned by the Committee. ALICE ORANS, according to the report, was formerly active in the "League for Peace and Democracy", as well as in the Women's Committee to Aid Agricultural Workers. ALICE ORANS was described as being a powerful figure in the Los Angeles S. R. A. office.

This report reflects that JOE AYEROFF, a brother of SAMUEL AYEROFF, was former head of the Young Democrats in Los Angeles County. JOE AYEROFF was identified by RENA VALE, a former Communist, according to the report, as a former member of the political commission of the Communist party in Los Angeles. JOE AYEROFF was also identified by GEORGE BERTHOLON as having been a member of the Young Communist League. BERTHOLON identified SAMUEL AYEROFF as a member of the political branch of the Young Communist League, further that SAMUEL AYEROFF was president of the Thomas Jefferson Branch of the Young Communist League.

RENA VALE, according to the report, identified JULES KIEVITZ, a District Director of S. R. A., as an alternate delegate of Labor's Non-partisan League to the meetings of the political commission of the Communist party in Los Angeles.

DON R. HEALY, according to the report, was identified by EZRA CHASE, a former Communist, as having been a member of the Communist Party's Enlarged Trade Union Commission.

LONA CLAYPOOLE, who uses the pen name of LONA WELLS, admitted that she was active in the "Public Works and Unemployed League", which is connected with the Worker's Alliance.

LAWRENCE HUGHANAN, Zone Supervisor of Surplus Commodities, was identified as a member of the political branch of the Young Communist League, which he testified he thought was a study club.

LEONARD JONES, another S. R. A. employee, also admitted that he was a member of the Young Communist League and testified that he thought it was a study club.

The old Committee of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE was composed of SAMUEL WILLIAM YORTY, Chairman, LEE T. BASHORE, HARRISON W. CALL, SETH MILLINGTON and JACK B. TENNY, who is from Los Angeles.

SAMUEL WILLIAM YORTY was defeated for reelection to the California State Legislature and at the present time Mr. JACK B. TENNY is Chairman of the present new ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE of the State of California, with headquarters at the State Capitol, Sacramento, California.

SAMUEL WILLIAM YORTY maintains an office in Los Angeles at Room 1127 Bartlett Building, Los Angeles. Any records, however, of identities of Communists discovered by the aforementioned committee would be in their files at Sacramento and it is not believed that the former attorney for the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, Mr. RICHARD E. COMBS of Visalia, would have possession of records.

Bureau reference letter requests that data on the investigation of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE be discreetly obtained.

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Los Angeles, California
July 10, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE; JACK TENNY
COMMITTEE; CALIFORNIA STATE
LEGISLATURE INVESTIGATIVE
COMMITTEE;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that on July 8, 1941, [REDACTED] the JACK TENNY COMMITTEE, also known as the California State Legislature Investigative Committee, which is investigating subversive activities in the State of California, called at the Los Angeles Division Office to confidentially advise that starting about July 21, 1941, the JACK TENNY COMMITTEE would have hearings at Los Angeles and subpoena witnesses for that purpose.

[REDACTED] advised that the purpose of his visit was to inform that the JACK TENNY COMMITTEE desired to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation 100 percent. [REDACTED] further advised that it was not the desire of the JACK TENNY COMMITTEE to present any [REDACTED] at the hearings at Los Angeles that would interfere with F.B.I. investigations with relation to National Defense matters. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] advised that the hearings contemplated at the present time would first concern certain labor leaders, particularly HERBERT [REDACTED] of the Painters Union, A.F. of L. He confidentially advised that [REDACTED] was one of the leaders responsible for creating [REDACTED] in the motion picture industry in Hollywood, with the purpose of later directing these guilds to join C.I.O., thus forcing [REDACTED] away from I.A.T.S.E., the A.F. of L. Union.

[REDACTED] advised that these hearings were going to be in the nature of an expose of Communists, and that when the hearings were held would involve JEFF KIRBY, HERBERT BINGHAM, [REDACTED] PHILIP M. "SLIM" CONNELLY, and an attorney by the name of [REDACTED] who now functions at San Pedro, California. By way of [REDACTED] was a trouble-maker in the I.A.T.S.E. situation, [REDACTED] an organizer in a C.I.O. Cannery Workers Union in [REDACTED] is Westcoast Director of the American Peace

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July 10, 1941

RE: ASSEMBLY HEARING INVESTIGATING
COMMUNISM; ET AL;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Mobilization [redacted] and is a Communist Party member; and SAM SWITZ has been closely associated with HENRY HIRSHMAN in the American Peace Mobilization. The Communist Party name of JEFF HIRSH was RABBY WOOD. All of these men have heretofore been identified in reports and communications to the Bureau.

[redacted] advised that DOROTHY HAY, who now holds a State position on the Labor Commission, is to be exposed, as is [redacted] RABBY McWILLIAMS, the California head of the State Bureau of Immigration and Housing. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then Director of California State Finances but now Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court. Both DOROTHY HAY [redacted] are members of the Communist Party.

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b7D [redacted] advised that also considered for exposure by this committee was [redacted] a member of the Communist Party, who is presently [redacted] according to [redacted] was appointed as a [redacted] of the State of California, and functions out of [redacted] California State Building, Los Angeles.

Connected with the labor angle exposed will be Communist Party activities at the Columbia Broadcasting strike and the Disney Studio strike, wherein HENRY HIRSH, alias [redacted], was prominent, in conjunction with PHIL CONNELLY and other C.I.O. Union men.

[redacted] advised that the first hearing at Los Angeles, starting about July 21, 1941, would continue for 5 or 10 days, after which hearings would be held at San Francisco, and thence the committee would return to Hollywood to expose celebrities in the Hollywood motion picture industry.

Also considered for exposure by this committee at Los Angeles will be certain city and county situations in Los Angeles. Considered in the Los Angeles City field is ORRMAN ROONEY, who represents Mayor FLETCHER ROONEY with respect to labor contacts. Also considered for exposure are JOHN HUNROVE, [redacted] the latter two being [redacted] stated that the hearing will show their subversive and Communist connections. [redacted] also stated that it is probable that an exposure will be made on JOHN ANTHON FORD, a Congressman, during the course of these hearings.

Director

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July 10, 1941

RE: ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE; ET AL;
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[redacted] advised that the exposures on the Los Angeles County set-up are being considered, and commented that [redacted] who is [redacted] of the present Los Angeles County District Attorney's staff. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was formerly a close associate of [redacted]

He stated that because of this connection between [redacted] it would be difficult to make certain exposures relative to the Los Angeles County Communists. [redacted] advised that certain educational leaders or teachers who were connected with the Communist Party would be considered for exposure at the Los Angeles hearings.

[redacted] advised that should any matter come up that would pertain to National Defense or individuals employed in National Defense industries, the Los Angeles Division Office would first be advised.

[redacted] advised that the main records relative to the JACK TENNY COMMITTEE are in Sacramento, California.

The San Francisco and San Diego Division Offices are being furnished copies of this letter for informative purposes.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc San Francisco
San Diego

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

SF FILE NO. **62-2024**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/16/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/14, 15, 16; 5/7, 8, 9, 27/41	REPORT MADE BY b7c [REDACTED] - wlj
TITLE ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE; COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA <i>107-2017</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Narrative index cards of investigative files of Assembly Relief Investigating Committee of California Legislature are maintained in duplicate. One set in possession [REDACTED] 107-2017, San Francisco, California, other in possession Committee Chairman JACK B. TENNY and was removed by him on or about June 1, 1941 to his office, Los Angeles, California. Indices and files made available for reference to Los Angeles and San Francisco Bureau Offices. Examination of files indicated great volume material apparently secured from professional witnesses on Communist matters; many already known to Bureau. Official printed copy of report of above Committee secured and forwarded herewith to Bureau.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC - <i>b7c</i></p> <p>Reference: Report, Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated <u>March 12, 1941</u></p> <p>Details: <u>At Sacramento, California:</u></p> <p><i>b7c</i> The files of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE of the California Legislature State Assembly, commonly known and referred to as the "Yerty Committee", have been examined by Special Agents [REDACTED] of the San Francisco Field Division. The examination of the Committee's files was made with the consent of JACK B. TENNY, Chairman, and in the presence of MR. RICHARD COMBS, 415 West Race Street, Visalia, California, attorney for the Committee.</p>			
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67c The file is indexed on five by eight ruled cards by names and subject matter. The index cards contain a synopsis of all pertinent data known relative to the individual indexed as well as the source reference. The Committee has engaged three full-time investigators and the material is gathered and indexed at the Committee's office located at Room 837, Mills Building, San Francisco, California. The Committee offices are operated by two newspaper reporters named [REDACTED]

All index cards containing reference to source material are compiled in duplicate. The original card is forwarded to Chairman JACK B. TENNY and maintained in the Committee Room in the State Capitol at Sacramento, California in an appropriate locked steel filing cabinet. The duplicate is filed in a safety deposit vault in a San Francisco bank. This precaution has been taken according to MR. TENNY inasmuch as he feels that certain subversive groups may well attempt to steal the Committee's records when the hearings open and thwart the purposes of the investigation. MR. TENNY has advised that he will remove the file maintained in Sacramento, California to his home located at 3201 West 77th, Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California upon the close of the present legislative session, on or about June 1, 1941. The work will be continued at his home address until hearings are inaugurated at a now undetermined date sometime during the summer of 1941.

Hearings are contemplated in Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Francisco, and possibly Sacramento, California. The purpose of the hearings will be to disclose the activities of the Communists in the state of California in order that remedial legislation, if necessary, may be proposed as a result of the hearings to curb subversive activities. The present investigation is supplementary to, and a continuation of the activities of the old "Ferty Committee", which, during 1940 conducted an investigation concerning the identities and histories of Communists who held positions in the California State Relief Administration. The records of the old "Ferty Committee" form the nucleus of the files in question.

67c Arrangements have been made through Chairman JACK B. TENNY [REDACTED] to make the Committee investigative files and indexes available to the San Francisco and Los Angeles Field Divisions for reference whenever desired.

The Committee Investigative files at Room 837 Mills Building in San Francisco, California, are being utilized as a reference and the original index files in the possession of Chairman TENNY will be available to the Los Angeles Field Division office for reference purposes subsequent to June 1, 1941.

Chairman TENNY has advised that the original source material from which the narrative indices have been compiled is not in a single or central depository, some being in Chairman TENNY's possession, some in the possession of Attorney COMBS, while a considerable portion is found in testimony before Grand Juries and transcripts of State Court proceedings throughout the State. MR. COMBS has advised that he is in possession of a great number of photographs of known Communists furnished to him by a former investigator of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's staff. The photographs are reported by COMBS to be in his office in Visalia, California.

In evaluating the Committee's investigative files from the indices, it is apparent that the greater part of the information they contain has been acquired from several well-known professional witnesses on Communist activities in this state, including [REDACTED]. The information available from these witnesses has heretofore been incorporated in Bureau files and is well known to this office.

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Inasmuch as all these witnesses have poor reputations, having a long criminal record, and [REDACTED]

it is believed that they would be vulnerable as witnesses. Full information regarding these persons is set forth in the [REDACTED] file 39-30. It will be noted from a review of this file that these witnesses were thoroughly interviewed in connection with that case, and full details regarding any information in their possession is set forth therein. Due to the source of the information in the Committee files, it is not believed that it will be of particular value except as a means of obtaining leads through which other information may be developed.

Pursuant to the instructions contained in reference report the following official copy of the Committee's report has been secured and is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau.

It should be noted that the reference report referred to "copies of the reports of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE, particularly Reports No. 82930 and No. 87477, and others, if printed".

The Supervisor of Documents, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, has advised that the above constitutes the only printed report of the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE. The numbers used to identify this report in reference report from the Los Angeles Office are printers' numbers, and do not identify documents in the files of the Supervisor of Documents.

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TO THE BUREAU: One copy, "Report of Assembly Relief Investigating Committee".

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Los Angeles, California
July 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA
LEGISLATURE; COMMUNIST ACTI-
VITIES IN CALIFORNIA;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

On July 22, 1941 [REDACTED]

b7D California, [REDACTED] called at the Los Angeles Field Office and advised the writer that the ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE was about to hold several hearings for the purpose of showing the need of legislation with regard to Communist Activities in the State of California. [REDACTED] stated that several Communist witnesses would testify at these hearings and that certain of the information might be of interest to the Bureau. He agreed to furnish the Los Angeles Office with an outline of the matters to be taken up prior to each hearing.

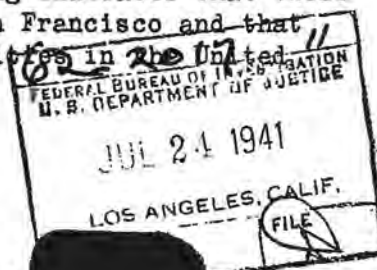
The first hearing will be held at Los Angeles on July 28, and subsequent hearings will be held in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley, California. During the course of such hearings, witnesses may testify regarding the following matters:

1. The survey of the historical record division of the W.P.A. setup in California. An attempt will be made to show through witnesses that several of the officials of this organization are Communists. Witnesses will testify that the Geographic Guide prepared by the W.P.A. was written under the direction of the Communist Party.

2. Information concerning the Writers Project of the W.P.A. Witnesses will testify that Communists are active in this governmental agency and that the play "The Sun Rises" was written by a Communist and that the actors who took part were Communists.

b7D 3. Information concerning the party activities of the Communists in the United States and general information concerning the San Francisco Strike situation. [REDACTED] states that a recording was made of a talk given by two Soviet Emissaries who addressed a meeting held at the home of ELLA WINTERS at Carmel, California. This recording indicates that these two Russians came from the Russian Consulate at San Francisco and that they discussed the Communist Survey of Party Activities in the United States, and particularly in California.

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b7C [REDACTED]

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July 23, 1941

Re: ASSEMBLY RELIEF INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE;
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

4. Information concerning an agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau located at Los Angeles, California. [redacted] advised that the Committee had in readiness a witness who was willing to testify that a special agent of the Internal Revenue Department at Los Angeles was a member of the Communist Party.

b7D 5. Information concerning Communist activities in the Shipping Division of the Surplus Commodities Corporation of the Farm Security Administration. [redacted] advised that one of the Committee's witnesses, LILLIAN MONROE, former Communist, had been in charge of the Shipping Division of the Surplus Commodities Corporation at San Francisco and that she would testify that the personnel of the Shipping Division Office at San Francisco is honeycombed with Communists.

b7D [redacted] advised that these hearings would be open to the public and that he would be glad to have any person called to testify under subpoena if the Federal Bureau of Investigation so desired.

[redacted] b7C
Special Agent

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'Little Dies' Probe Set For L. A.

The "Little Dies" Committee, convening here late this month, will continue its probe into subversive forces at work in the city and county governments, Chairman Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles Democrat, announced today.

Tenney said the new committee, named yesterday by Speaker Gordon Garland and armed with \$15,000 to conduct the probe, would continue the work of the old joint fact-finding committee of Senate and Assembly which held hearings here several months ago and questioned a supervisor, the mayor's secretary and union officials on Communist infiltration.

That line of questioning will continue when the committee resumes its hearings here this month, Tenney said. "We expect to develop some interesting things from the viewpoint of those who want to stop infiltration of the Reds into our governmental subdivisions."

The new committee named by Garland under an Assembly resolution which gave it broad powers, is composed, in addition to Tenney, of James Phillips, Oakland; Hugh Burns, Fresno; Nelson Dilworth, Hemet (the new member), and Assemblyman Jess Kellems of Los Angeles.

R. Tenney Committee

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Nazi Inquiry Opens Today

State Legislature's
Committee Seeks Data
on Alien Propaganda

An inquiry into asserted Nazi and Communist propaganda throughout the Southland will start today in hearings of the State Legislature's committee investigating un-American activities.

The Sheriff's office yesterday was handed subpoenas for more than 50 witnesses for the sessions opening at 9 a.m. in the State Building.

GERMANS REASSURED

Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the committee, asserted that although the investigation will be principally one of people whose sympathies are markedly pro-German, "it is no indication that people of German descent are in any way suspected of being disloyal to America."

He emphasized, too, that the fact a person is subpoenaed is no indication he is under suspicion but simply that the committee seeks information.

It was believed that the name of the America First Committee would be brought up. William E. Williams, North Hollywood High School teacher and chairman of the North Hollywood branch of the committee, is among the witnesses summoned.

SINCERE PEACE BELIEF

"But as far as the America First Committee is concerned," Tenney stated, "we know that it is composed of people who are sincerely opposed to war. We are interested only in those persons who are using some groups as propaganda levers to interfere with our national defense effort."

Others scheduled to give testimony include Russell Mack, former film writer; E. K. Ferenz, onetime exhibitor of German-made motion pictures; and G. Allison Phelps, radio commentator.

Tenney said he expects the hearings to continue through Friday.

School Board Plans Curb on Propaganda

"Extraordinary care" will be used by the Board of Education in granting future permits for the use of school facilities, it was announced yesterday following reports of Federal un-American investigations.

Board Member Lawrence L. Latrabee explained the decision is "preventive" in nature to insure that school auditoriums and classrooms are not used by political groups to disseminate foreign propaganda.

The F.B.I., he said, has uncovered "insidious activities" but so far there is no definite connection with public meetings in the schools.

Under provisions of the Civic Center Act the board can deny use of its facilities only when applicants advocate overthrow of the government by force and violence or when they are affiliated with groups of such belief.

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Los Angeles, California
October 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: STATE-LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIVE
COMMITTEE; SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Reference is made to the Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge submitted by Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. W. VINCENT dated October 10, 1941, wherein it is stated that [REDACTED] wished to confer with you concerning the State Legislative hearings which were to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 1941 and following.

b7D
In accordance with your instructions I talked to [REDACTED] at his room in the [REDACTED], October 13, 1941. At this time [REDACTED] advised that the State Legislative Investigating Committee intended to call a number of witnesses to testify in Los Angeles concerning the set-up of the German-American Bund and the German subversive element in Los Angeles. He stated that the first day, however, would be spent questioning individuals whom the Committee believed to be connected with the Communist Party and in laying foundations for possible perjury charges to be brought against these individuals at a later date.

He stated that he would be only too willing to cooperate in any manner with the Bureau and offered to furnish the Bureau with a transcript of the testimony of other witnesses at the hearing. His transcript will not be available for approximately thirty days. [REDACTED] furnished a list of the witnesses to be subpoenaed by the Committee for October 14, 15, and possibly October 16, 1941. This list is attached hereto.

Arrangements were made with [REDACTED] to check upon the material that he might have concerning [REDACTED] of the Trans-Ocean News, and GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK. The results of the examination of this material will be set forth in a separate memorandum or reports in the above entitled files.

[REDACTED] b7c
Special Agent

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Inquiry Mapped on Subverters

FRESNO, Nov. 1. (AP)—Members of the California Assembly committee investigating subversive activities met here today to review testimony presented in recent hearings in Los Angeles and to map plans for future activities.

Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, said his group is convinced from testimony already presented that the America First Committee is composed principally of loyal American citizens, conscientiously opposed to war but that the organization is being used by Nazi sympathizers and others for subversive purposes.

Committee members also said evidence indicates the Communists, German-American Bund and C.I.O. leaders worked hand in hand to sabotage the United States defense program prior to Russia's entry into the European war. The Communists since that time have changed front, Assemblyman Nelson Dillworth, Riverside County, said.

Re. Tenney Committee

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TESTIFY COMMITTEE HEARING
at Los Angeles, Calif.
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The individuals listed below testified at
Subject hearing. Further information regarding
their testimony will be forwarded when trans-
cript is obtained. Photos of witnesses are
provided herewith for your information and
files.

BARRY, Frank J.
BAHR, Hans F.
DIERCK, Hans
CHAY, Earl C.
BOWEN, Bishop T.
FERRELL, F. K.
HUNT, William H.
INZER, Hugh Ben

NORRIS, Robert S.
REIMER, John L.
BOYD, George Knox
SAHLI, William H.
SCHWIMM, Herman Max
SHERRMAN, John A.
SPANLING, Harold A.
STUTZ, Edward

JONES, Ellis O.
LODALL, Hall
MARTENS, Geo. Ernest
MORRISON, James H.
McBRIDE, Mrs. Lydia Joan

VALE, Hans
VAN MEYER, James Adam
WILLIAMS, Wm. F.
WIRIN, Abraham L.
WOPFLEMAN, Karl

VAN MEYER, Baron

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December 19, 1941 Date

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Date Property Acquired: 12 - 19 - 41

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Bulky exhibit room

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Reference

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

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2. Volume 4 of Investigation into Matters Pertaining to Un-American and Subversive Activities.

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Los Angeles, California

February 25, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: TENNEY COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting for the information of the Bureau two copies of Report No. 2, entitled "SINCE DECEMBER 7," relative to enemy propaganda in Southern California, which was issued by the Americanism Committee, Seventeenth District, of the American Legion.

This was made public February 23, 1942, at the time of a meeting of the Tenney Committee, which is the California State Legislature Committee on Un-American activities.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT TO:

Hon. Jack B. Tenney, Chairman
Assembly Fact-Finding Committee
on Un-American Activities in
California.

RE: [REDACTED] b7c

Los Angeles, Calif.

February 23, 1942.

The writer has just been given the following information by [REDACTED] Los Angeles:

[REDACTED] made the following allegations to me and advised that the corroboration of same could be obtained from [REDACTED]

in Los Angeles, also [REDACTED]
Los Angeles;

[REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] is a German and very pro-Nazi, as is his father-in-law, [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] has, by a former wife, [REDACTED] his present wife with whom he now lives.

[REDACTED] has followed the sea and has possibly been [REDACTED] and the last heard from him was that he went to work on [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] was in the [REDACTED] and was released some time ago. He advised my informants that at the present time he was starving himself so that he would be weak and amaciated when recalled for service; that he would be rejected on physical grounds. [REDACTED], going with some woman who works for the [REDACTED] Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] was alleged to have advised the informants that he took up [REDACTED] and is now working [REDACTED] so that he would not have to fight his own people, namely the Germans. [REDACTED] was also alleged to have said that he would rather shoot himself than go to war.

[REDACTED] and the smaller child, has told my informants about the [REDACTED] wears and about [REDACTED] attending the [REDACTED] meetings. The father and mother go away on trips and in the Spring of [REDACTED] according to the children, they spent [REDACTED]

NOTE: [REDACTED] the informant, advised that when the Alien Law went into effect, [REDACTED] had a very expensive shop suit and within the last ten days he sold this suit to a [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED] for \$25.00. [REDACTED] seem to be very nice people - [REDACTED]

COMMENT: In the writer's opinion, this matter should be turned over to the Department of Justice with the request that the names of the informants be kept confidential.

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Respectfully submitted:

New Fifth Column Communist Plot Told by Tenney

*Subjugation of Americans
to Moscow Yoke Sought,
Report to Legislature*

By Carl Greenberg

Staff Correspondent International News Service

EXAMINER BUREAU, SACRAMENTO, April 9.—With Joseph Stalin as the guiding genius in Moscow, the Communist Party of the United States now is embarked on a new fifth column movement that envisions the complete destruction of the American way of life and the subjugation of every American to the Red yoke!

Particularly in California have the Communists wormed their way into Government position, "front" groups, unions and other vehicles for the accomplishment of their aims.

In a bulky, documented volume, the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities in California made their report to this effect to the Legislature today.

Ideas 'to Plague World'

The "white paper," presented by Senator Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, chairman, also was signed by Senator Hugh M. Burns, Assemblyman Nelson S. Dilworth and Jesse Randolph Kellems, and former Assemblyman James H. Phillips, and covered hearings of the committee over a two-year period.

It included the results not only of the committee's findings with respect to the ever-mounting menace of Communism, but the activities of Nazis, Fascists and Japanese.

"The Nazis and Fascists may be beaten on the

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Committee Reveals Plot Against Free Enterprise

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hatefields, but the vicious and inhuman ideas they have implanted will live to plague the world after their originators have disappeared," the committee warned.

"New fronts will replace the old ones and new leaders will carry on the activities of the Browders, the Kunzes and Schweinns.

"New lines will be projected tomorrow. We must be vigilant!"

The report took pains to point out that because America now is filled with Soviet Russia against the Axis, the Communists have found for the first time a "moving force in America . . . which they can harness for their future, sinister purposes."

"The Communist fifth column is still in America," the committee report stated. "We all admire the courage and heroism of the Russian people. We do not believe, however, that this stand proves the greatness of their government . . .

"We insist that we be permitted to determine our own form of government. Therefore, we should not tolerate in our midst either the fifth column of the enemies we fight on the far-flung battlefields of the world or the fifth column of the Allies with whom we fight as well.

DROP OF ARSENIC

"The unity" that the Communist Party babbles about at this time is the unity of a drop of arsenic in a glass of milk."

Warning that the Reds' revolutionary tactics in the nation are only temporarily "on ice," the report stated:

"Your committee's investigators already report plans of the Communist Party in California for the formation of soldiers' and sailors' councils in the Army and Navy, patterned after similar councils set up in the armies and navies of the czar and the Kerensky government in Russia in 1917.

"Reports reaching your committee from closed meetings of Communist groups throughout California tell of plans for Soviet governments throughout the nation upon the collapse of

Hitlerism and the weakening of the Nazi yoke."

AMONG TECHNIQUES

The committee also warned of an impending "seventh period" of Communist development "in all its grim horror," and cited as a forerunner of "things to come" the secret execution of Victor Alter and Hendryk Erlich, Jewish Polish Socialist leaders, by the Russians.

Communist infiltration into Hollywood, as well as a deep plot to destroy free enterprise are among the Communist techniques

INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

Declaring the Communist Party "moved in" on Hollywood's film industry through every trade union possible in order to control the studios, the committee found that:

"... the Communist Party, through both its control of certain trade unions and its systematic method of 'smearing' individuals who oppose them, have in the past, and are maintaining at the present, the most effective 'black-listing' in the history of the state, Opposition

magic into a people's way which involved the Soviet Union. . . . The American Communist would now take all the yards they could get.

"The people of California and the United States should never forget that the defense efforts of our great nation would have been ruthlessly subverted by what purported to be an American labor movement—the C. I. O.—had it not been for the need of a foreign dictatorship thousands of miles away," the report pointed out.

One of the "most important jobs" of the Communists' "anti-septic squad," the report continued, is to "smear" such organizations as the Dies and Tenney committees.

Among the labor organizations the Musicians' Union of Los Angeles, stated the report, "may be definitely said to be under the control and domination of the Communist Party . . .

In a chapter devoted to Communist "front organizations and transmission belts," the report reviewed the organization of the Lawyers Guild and, recalling the resignation of Assistant Secretary A. A. Berle Jr. because the Guild was not prepared to take a stand conflicting with the "Communist Party line," added:

"Many other attorneys have resigned from the National Lawyers Guild because of its Communist domination and control."

The committee report also incorporated a comprehensive review of previous disclosures of Nazi activity in California, and branding such activity as un-American and subversive, warned that "anti-Semitism is growing in California."

Papers Win Praise

EXAMINER BUREAU, SAC-RAMONTO, April 9.—At a time when the press of the nation faces virtual complete dictatorial subjection under the "Gestapo" bill pending in Congress, the following significant statement was made today in the Tenney report to the legislature:

"The newspapers of the state of California played an important part in the work of the committee. Nearly every newspaper in the state carried concise and clear reports of the public hearings and CONTRIBUTED GREATLY IN EXPOS-

ING THE MACHINATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

"YOUR COMMITTEE WISHES TO STATE EMPHATICALLY THAT SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS WITHER AND DIE UNDER THE PENETRATING SEARCHLIGHT OF PUBLICITY.

"The newspapers of California have contributed no small part in patriotically checking these termutes in their efforts to undermine and sabotage our government."

to "take over," the committee charged, stating:

"The American Communist has as his ultimate aim in the consumer movement the sabotage and destruction of advertising in America. He believes that through the destruction of advertising the party will be able to undermine and destroy the capitalist system of free enterprise.

"Anti-advertising agitation is an important part of the frontal attack of the Communist on free enterprise. THIS INFLUENCE HAS BEEN MORE AND MORE NEGLIGENT AND IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AS WELL AS IN LARGE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION, WHICH ARE WHOLLY UNCONSCIOUS OF ANY IN-

to Communism and to its comrades carries a persuasive economic penalty in certain quarters of California, and particularly in some phases of the motion picture industry."

MAKING HEADWAY

Taking every advantage of the war, the Communist Party is making serious headway by infiltrating not only into labor unions, but also "the strategic position in government," the committee said.

Acting through unions dominated and controlled by it, the Communist Party in California, the committee asserted, was responsible for the outbreak prior to Hitler's invasion of Russia of an "amazing epidemic of strikes in key defense industries . . . tying up production of armament, die casting, steel, planes and ships."

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Recommendations in White Paper

EXAMINER BUREAU, Sacramento, April 9.—Fourteen recommendations made to the Legislature in the Tenney committee's 'white paper' today, follow:

1. Continuance of the un-American activities committee in 1943 and 1944.
2. Enactment of a state law to prohibit any person in California from knowingly participating in the activities of any organization receiving financial support from a foreign government.
3. Exert influence on Congress to deny citizenship in the United States to anyone who holds "dual citizenship" in any other country.
4. Strengthening the act of 1940 denying the primary ballot to subversive political organizations such as the Communist Party.
5. Strict enforcement of the Subversive Registration Act of 1941.
6. Legislation barring aliens ineligible for citizenship from commercial fishing.
7. Legislation disbarring attorneys, disenfranchising professional persons and school teachers licensed by the state and ousting civil service employees who are members of the Communist Party or other subversive groups.
8. Legislation prohibiting aliens from holding elective or appointed offices in California labor unions.
9. Legislation designed to supervise and censor foreign language broadcasts, newspapers and publications.
10. Legislation prohibiting persons belonging to groups advocating weakening, undermining or overthrowing of the Government from occupying any position supported wholly or in part by public funds.
11. Legislation bringing all foreign-language schools under the control and strict supervision of the State Board of Education.
12. Legislation providing employers engaged in war production with the right to discharge any known, proven or admitted persons connected with the Communist Party, Nazi Bund, Fascist Party and other subversive groups.
13. Legislation making courses in Americanism mandatory in public schools, emphasizing American history, its heroes and traditions contrasted with the techniques and tactics of totalitarian forces.
14. Recommend to Congress that pro-Axis Japanese in the various evacuation camps be segregated and that control of all Japanese activities be turned back to the United States Army for the duration.

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Tenney Committee Sneaks a 'Fast One' on the People!

(See story on page 4)

AN EDITORIAL

The Tenney Committee's report on "un-American activities" is a time-bomb hurled to shatter the unity in California which is indispensable to our war effort.

With the cunning of a Goebbels, the committee timed its presentation of this 495-page supplement to Mein Kampf at the END of the present session of the state legislature, while introducing recommendations of the report as bills EARLY in the session.

In such a fashion was the bill to deny the ballot to "subversive political organizations" slipped into the legislative hopper.

The bill was aimed at the Communist Party and any other party with a program feared by Tenney—yes, even a New Deal Democratic or Republican Party.

The committee's purpose is transparent: By sneaking in the measure first, and then bringing out the report, it sought to head off the storm of protest this document is certain to arouse.

More important, it tried to slip legislation over on the people of this state!

Behold these small-bore politicians, caught in the act of a deliberate hoax!

This alone is a sufficient commentary on Jack Tenney's committee and its report. But there's more to the story than this.

Look at the record.

Accused to yield to demands that his committee investigate the *Farmer-Sinarquistas*, who were running wild in Los Angeles, Tenney gave the Sinarquistas a clean bill of health, announced pon-

tifically that the Sinarquistas were not Fascists at all, but merely the victims of a "Communist smear campaign."

Here is a description of that organization by Mexican congressman Cesar Garzurrutia:

"The Union Nacional Sinarquista has opened a second front to prevent Mexican aid to the democracies. They attack the obligatory military service and spread their venom against the United Nations, and especially against the Soviet Union, thus working in favor of the Nazis."

Three weeks after Tenney's whitewash, Time magazine got around to investigating the Sinarquistas and substantiated what the anti-Fascists had charged.

The "Reverend" Joe Jeffers, a blatant pro-Fascist, was untouched by the Tenney Committee despite his treasonable fulminations.

It took the United States Army finally to delouse the community of Jeffers.

Tenney never made a move against "Reverend" Bob Shuber, another mouthpiece of Hitler's ideology.

It took the federal government to stop his rantings.

Now Tenney asks for funds for continuation of the committee! What happened to the last two appropriations?

For two years, Jack Tenney put up a show of being a public-spirited citizen.

His theatrical—and were they stage-managed!—"hearings" got big headlines in the Hearst press.

Now, after two years—two valuable war years, mind you—and

after having spent the taxpayers' money, Tenney delivers the goods: the same old tattered, scaly, stinking RED HERRING!

The money, time and energy that went into resurrecting this ancient and disruptive fish might well have been spent for nurseries, transportation facilities, and housing for war workers.

Ironically, this vicious report appears on the eve of the celebration of the birthday of one of the founders of American democracy, Thomas Jefferson.

What would Jefferson say were he alive today and could flip the odious pages and scrutinize the countenance of its puny author!

Jefferson, whose name is synonymous with the American tradition of democracy and liberty—what would he say!

Most probably, he would say to Governor Warren, that he has the solemn duty to the people of this state to repudiate the Tenney Committee as an unscrupulous group of men bent on high treason.

He would tell the people of California—all the people—to rise up and treat Tenney and his crowd in the same fashion that the early American patriots treated the Tories of their day.

And the people can do it.

Labor can do it. Labor can relegate this upstart Goebbels to the place where he belongs.

In the face of a roused and directed public indignation, any politician who tries to pull a sneak-punch on the electorate has just enough courage to tuck his tail and scurry into the first hole he can find.

That's where Tenney belongs, and it's labor's task to chase him there.

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This story could be just as fittingly datelined Berlin, Tokio or Moscow.

State and Federal legislation to block activities of subversive groups and individuals was recommended today to the California legislature by the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities.

That's the lead on the dispatch coming out of Sacramento over the United Press wire.

"Subversive groups," you soon learn, are "communists." The Nazis and their partners get only passing mention.

That high-sounding "joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities" is nothing more than Jack Tenney, our own little Martin Blex, and his labor-hating cronies.

The committee, after "investigation" followed by 30 days of hearings between July, 1941 and last March 1, now submits a 445-page summary report with recommendations for legislation.

What do you suppose emerged from this supplementary edition of Mein Kampf? This:—

To deny the ballot to subversive political organizations "such as the Communist party."

Specific legislation authorizing mandating governing boards all professions to exercise disciplinary action, including revocation of license, of those who are members of subversive and un-American groups."

WITCH-HUNT MODEL

This is patterned after the infamous Rapp-Coudert witch-hunt in New York, which did not touch a single pro-Fascist but succeeded in persecuting and removing a number of progressive and highly competent teachers from the New York school system.

The Tenney report calls for state board of education to "investigate complaints" against teachers charged with being members of or participating in subversive and un-American activities; ousting subversive employees from state service; memorializing Congress to cancel citizenship of any former alien who, since receiving citizenship has been a member of a subversive organization.

Also recommended is legislation "permitting private industry to discharge any known, proven, or suspected person connected with the Communist party, the Nazi Bund or other groups whose objectives are inimical to the United States; and prohibiting persons affiliated with such groups to hold public office."

Aside from all its vague lip



JACK TENNEY

service to the "Nazi Bund" the report is primarily connected with illegalizing the Communist party and revoking the citizenship of William Schienderman, California secretary of the Communist party.

Committee members serving under Tenney were Senator Hugh M. Burns, Fresno; and Assemblymen Nelson Dilworth, Riverside, Jesse R. Kellems, West Los Angeles, and former Assemblyman James H. Phillips, Oakland.

Significantly, they are almost to a man the loudest voices in the recent farm bloc attack on the national government which became so violent and flagrant that Assemblyman S. E. Helsingius moved to declare: "We shouldn't talk insurrection against the United States."

Jack Tenney Labored And Heaved Up This!

Read This and Write Your Own Word for What Tenney Conceived

By JAY SEE

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Tenney Echoes Hitler'

Communists Assail Attack On War Unity

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Wm. Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, declared today that the Tenney committee report "echoes Herr Hitler's 'anti-communism' and attacks the very foundations of our domestic principles."

The statement follows in full: "The report filed by the Tenney Dyer Committee with the state legislature purports to be a report on 'un-American activities.' What can be more un-American than the echoes of Herr Hitler's 'crusade against communism' reflected in the report and the attacks upon the principles which constitute the very foundation of our democracy?"

"The Tenney committee report, in its window-dressing of exposure of Fascist and seditious persons and organizations in the state, is directed almost exclusively against organized labor and the Communist Party."

"What is more, even the ferreting out of the Fascists and traitors in our midst and a genuine investigation of subversive and un-American activities is being directed by the preponderance of a score of conclusions the Tenney committee passes off upon the state as the truth."

IS HITLER POISON
"The Tenney committee report lays all too closely in the footsteps of the infamous Dies Committee. The bogey of communism has long been the special weapon of fascism for splitting the people of democratic countries."

"Under the guise of fighting the menace of bolshevism, Hitler destroyed one democratic nation after another. This is the lesson history. And Mr. Tenney and his fellow-committeemen have put themselves squarely in the line of being carriers of this nation-destroying poison."

"Such Hitler-like witch-hunting and shouting of 'reds' in approved Nazi style by legislators of our state is extremely dangerous at a time when the question of winning the war is at stake."

"When the greatest unity of the American people is needed to win the war against a deadly enemy, in concerted action with the United Nations, are we to face the risk of dissipating that unity? While Americans are fighting and dying on the battlefields of North Africa and in the Pacific, Mr. Tenney is still 'crusading' against communism. There is no denying that this helps America's enemies."

"This help to the enemy is further borne out by the vicious attack made by the report upon our ally, the Soviet Union, whose heroic resistance to the Hitler onslaught has for almost two years spearheaded the United Nations united offensive against the Axis. The conclusion may well be drawn that anyone who supports our Administration's policies in this war of unity with Great Britain and the Soviet Union, is guilty of being subversive!"

MENACE LABOR

"Furthermore, the recommendations made by the Tenney Committee should in themselves cause alarm among the people of our state, particularly labor."

"Under the cloak of proposing to outlaw the Communist Party, the Tenney committee recommendations are a sweeping attack upon the constitutional rights of political freedom; upon the rights of loyal foreign-born to become citizens of our country, to hold jobs and run for public office; upon the democratic rights of labor organizations to exist freely and democratically and to choose their own officers; upon the rights of political minorities to participate in the free elections guaranteed by the Constitution."

"These recommendations are clearly directed against all the people and primarily against organized labor. They envision legislation which flagrantly violates all existing democratic concepts."

"All previous attempts to remove the Communist Party of California from the ballot were invalidated by the Supreme Court because of their discriminatory character."

"Similar endeavors should meet with the same fate, as the Communist Party has a record of unreserved support to the government of the United States in this war crisis; thousands of Communists, as an integral part of America, are fighting and working like all other Americans for victory against the enemy."

PEOPLE MUST PROTEST

"The Communist Party has always supported legislation aimed at eliminating subversive organizations whose treasonable activities threaten our democracy. The constitution of our party, a document which was adopted long before Hitler's 'anti-Communist' technique of conquest was let loose upon the world, states this in unmistakable terms. ALL THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD."

"In the face of these truths and the realities of recent history, the acceptance of the recommendations made by the Tenney committee would be a negation of everything for which Americans are fighting and dying."

"The people of California must tell their assemblymen and senators that they will not tolerate the Hitlerite and undemocratic impact of the Tenney committee report, and that nothing shall be allowed to interfere with the all-important task of unitedly fighting to win this war."

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Check Urged on Subversives

Legislature Asked To Pass New Laws

SACRAMENTO —(U.P.)— State and federal legislation to block activities of subversive groups and individuals was recommended late yesterday to the California legislature by the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities.

Specific legislation was recommended authorizing and mandating governing boards of all professions to exercise disciplinary action, including revocation of licenses, of those who are members of subversive and un-American activities; ousting subversive employees from state service; memorializing congress to cancel citizenship of any former alien who, since receiving citizenship, has been a member of a subversive organization; prohibiting aliens from holding elected or appointed offices in labor unions; supervising and censoring foreign-language broadcasts and the foreign language press.

Legislation was also urged permitting private industry in the war effort to discharge any "known, proven, or admitted persons connected with the Communist party, the Nazi Bund, Fascist organizations or other groups whose objectives are inimical to the United States"; bringing all foreign language schools under supervision of the State Board of Education and prohibiting persons affiliated with such groups to hold public office.

Sen. Jack Tenney, Los Angeles, was chairman of the committee, which included Sen. Hugh M. Burns, Fresno, and Assemblymen Nelson Dilworth, Riverside; Jesse R. Kellems, West Los Angeles, and former Assemblyman James H. Phillips, Oakland.

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An Idiot's Tale From a Candidate For Gauleiter

By HARRISON GEORGE

"The committee is prepared to state that Soviet Russia since 1935 has been, in fact, a Fascist state."—Tenney Committee Report, Page 19.

THAT is a fair sample of the modest way the Tenney committee sets down the fantasies of provincial idiots and their aspiring quisling chairman as the solemn truth about countries, people and conditions of which they know utterly nothing beyond the venomous ravings of a handful of third-rate stoolpigeons.

The Tenney committee report is a comic opera with words by Goebbels and music by the author of that romantic ditty known as "Mexicali Rose."

Naturally, with "Mexicali Rose" in mind, un vaso de tequila and a passion for red-baiting, the scientific and historical accuracy of the author of the Tenney report leaves much to be desired. So frequently is assertion followed by contradiction, that one is reminded of Shakespeare's "tale of an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

But, where intelligence is lacking, cunning hopes to suffice. And, since the American people are known to be implacably hostile to fascism, the Tenney committee report tries to turn the people's friendliness toward our Soviet ally into hatred. It insists, in the teeth of every fact to the contrary, that: "Soviet Russia since 1935 has been, in fact, a Fascist state."

That is on page 19. But on page 14, the report states that the committee members "have no quarrel with the Soviet government," and, on page 12, that they are "fully appreciative of the magnificent stand being made against Hitler and his hordes of barbarians by the Red Army."

Tale of An Idiot

Apparently trying to sit on two chairs at once, the committee continues by asserting:

"The committee, however, wishes to distinguish between the activities of the Soviet Union as a government allied to the United States in this present conflict, and the activities of its tool and agent, the Communist Party of the United States."

Now we are getting around to the clarity of mud.

The Tenney committee is in full agreement with the alliance with the Soviet Union, because it is "fully appreciative" of the "magnificent stand" of the Soviet government against Hitler barbarism. Of course, the Tenney committee might as well say it is in full agreement with that alliance, as any objection it might have would not change our national policy anyhow.

"However," its "full agreement" and "appreciation" for the Soviet government and our alliance with it, is somehow warped around into the opposite sort of feeling toward what the committee holds is the "tool and agent" of the Soviet government, the Communist Party of the United States.

This is a strange state of dual emotions on the part of the Tenney committee, or of a split personality on the part of the Soviet government. The committee adores the Soviet government for its "magnificent" battle against Hitler's barbarians, but the committee despises what it calls the "tool and agent" of the Soviet government, which also is battling magnificently against Hitler's barbarians in the United States. It doesn't make sense.

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To top this off, the next paragraph explains it all by saying: "The situation is crystal clear if our thinking is straight and lucid."

Indeed!

And the Tenney committee report goes on to say (page 3) that: "The Communist Party in California has been helpful in ferreting out Nazi and pro-Axis agents and sympathizers, as the transcripts of the committee amply indicate."

Well, now, calling upon thinking that is "straight and lucid" in order to make the situation "crystal clear," we cannot help concluding that the reason why the Tenney committee is trying to outlaw the Communist Party, is because the Communist Party is "ferreting out Nazi and pro-Axis agents and sympathizers," among them, the Tenney committee itself!

Clumsy Dissembling

The committee would not dare to do anything else but, as it says—"admire the courage and heroism of the Russian people."

The committee knows very well that it would put itself out of court before the American people if it did not say that it "has no quarrel with the Soviet government." If the committee would say the opposite, it knows that the people would instantly see the Fascist character of the committee.

So it tries to dissemble.

Though trying to incite hatred toward our Soviet ally by saying that, since 1935, it has been "a Fascist state," it apparently abandons that point of view when, in order to incite hatred toward the Communist Party of the United States, it blandly declares that it "has no quarrel with the Soviet government" but only with its "tool and agent."

(It is, of course, an absurd falsehood, hugged fondly by all red-baiters, to say that the Communist Party of America is a "tool" of the Soviet government.)

If the Tenney committee gets tangled up in the fly paper of its own verbose hypocrisy, that is no fault of the present writer. The committee, in spite of its expostulative protests that it is "wholeheartedly" in favor of our war alliance with the Soviet Union, can be seen by a perusal of its report to be really bitterly hostile toward that alliance.

The entire report is devoted to red-baiting. Even where the "table of contents" goes over from "Part I—Communism," to deal, supposedly, with other subjects.

"Part II, The King, Conner, Ramsay Case" is also red-baiting, making up a total of 184 pages definitely devoted to red-baiting, compared to a mere 62 pages purportedly concerned with "Part IV, Nazi Activities."

And, even here, the Tenney committee attempts to represent such activities as "also corresponding with the objectives of the Communist Party."

Bid to Be Gauleiter

The pretense, therefore, of being "against both" fascism and communism, is seen to be false, when the ENTIRE Tenney committee report is directed against not only "communism," but anything that can be distortedly said to be "communism," including trade unionism.

Most of all, is the Tenney report devoted to red-baiting, to playing upon the "menace" of communism, in a plain attempt to disrupt the alliance between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The report is, at the same time, a bid to the Fascist elements in America to give Jack Tenney the job of California Gauleiter. And it is a quaint comment that the report unconsciously warns the people against its author, when, in wandering around in the woods of pro-Fascist apologetics it accidentally flirts out the caution:

"Hitler used the Communist menace as a stepladder to his Fuehrership of the Third Reich. Therefore, the committee emphatically warns the people of California and of the United States to be watchful and aware of such a pro-Axis scheme."

The people of California will be well-advised to heed the warning of the Tenney committee to beware of the Tenney committee and all its works.

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'Little Dies' Tenney Helps Union-Baiter

LOS ANGELES, May 13.—
From union official to anti-
labor triggerman.

That is the transition of
state Sen. Jack B. Tenney
who used to be president of
the Los Angeles AFL Musicians
and now, as head of the "Baby
Dies" Tenney committee qualifies
as the state's leading labor-baiter.

Tenney's latest move is to sug-
gest to the American Worker-
Consumer, a Los Angeles anti-
labor newspaper, that it should
be interested in publishing ex-
cerpts from his committee's latest
report.

ASKS PUBLICITY

In a letter quoted by the news-
paper, Tenney says:

"It is the considered opinion
of the members of the commit-
tee that the widest possible pub-
licity should be given to this
report. The section on labor
should be of considerable inter-
est to you and the recommenda-
tions made by the committee to
the Legislature should be of
considerable interest."

The Worker-Consumer, not-
ing with interest the Tenney
committee's statement that
"trade unions are particularly
susceptible to Communist in-
filtrations," promised to print
"copious extracts" of the report
in serial form.

Tenney Knives Child Care Plan

SACRAMENTO, May 13. —
Labor-baiting state Sen. Jack
B. Tenney made sure that the
last session of the Legislature
would vote him the \$20,000 he
wanted to continue the smear
campaign of his Senate inves-
tigating committee.

Then with the money safely
earmarked, he turned around
and helped knife an adequate
appropriation for child care
centers, vitally needed to per-
mit women to enter war produc-
tion.

Tenney was one of the legis-
lators who helped defeat the
recommendations of a legisla-
tive committee for appropri-
ation to finance child care.

The Worker-Consumer calls
itself a "specialized newspaper."
Its specialty is attacking labor
with particular current empha-
sis on a campaign to pass "regu-
latory" legislation to control
unions.

Its editor is listed as Edwin
Selvin, whose wife and apparent
moving spirit behind the paper
was the chairman of the defunct
Women of the Pacific, a "front"

organization for Los Angeles open
shop forces which was exposed by
the LaFollette U. S. Senate com-
mittee. She was active in fighting
for passage of the "Hot Cargo"
law to cripple unions.

At a meeting held in Sacra-
mento of employer, labor and
community representatives to
seek a truce on controversial
legislation, Mrs. Selvin was the
one person present who refused
to agree to abandon efforts for
anti-labor measures in the in-
terest of unity.

CHANGES HER LINE

After LaFollette committee and
union publicity forced the Women
of the Pacific out of business, Mrs.
Selvin turned to another line of
work, and began publishing her
newspaper.

To this paper, which claims
that the New Deal has weak-
ened America at war and which
believes we are fighting a
"White Nations" war, Tenney
offers the phoney findings of his
committee.

Tenney was elected to the
state Senate as a "liberal" with
labor backing. After watching
him function in the Legislature
his own local voted him out of
union office.

The Biggar-Fletcher bill, de-
feated by united labor, opposition
lifted 50 per cent of its contents
from an earlier bill to "regulate"
unions introduced by Tenney and

Open Shop Raper Gets Tenney Aid

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killed at the 1941 Legisla-
tive session.

Earlier activities of Mrs. Se-
vin as head of the Women of the
Pacific included an appeal to em-
ployers to select stoolpigeons from
among their employees to join Mr.
Selvin's "Central Committee
Workers in Industry." The Cen-
tral Committee's job would be to pa-
per out propaganda in favor of the
"Hot Cargo" proposition at the
last election.

Her newspaper is full of scare
headlines asking whether labor
is "bigger than government,"
pointing to the example of other
states that have passed laws to
"regulate" unions, and slyly
making the New Deal with Hit-
ler's New Order.

This is the newspaper that
Tenney knows will take "con-
siderable interest" in his report.

Labour Herald
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San Francisco, California
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Director, FBI

Re: JOINT FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN
CALIFORNIA

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication directed to San Francisco Field Division under date of May 7, 1943, to determine if Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 8 of the State of California, which apparently creates a Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, was a continuation of the committee popularly referred to as the Tenney Committee which has been investigating subversive activities in California for the past two years, having held its last meeting in so far as the Bureau was advised on March 1, 1943.

Please be advised that reference to the second paragraph of Page 6 of the "Report of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee to the Fifty-Fifth California Legislature, Sacramento, 1943", copies of which have previously been furnished the Bureau, reads as follows:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was introduced by Senators JACK B. TENNEY of Los Angeles County and HUGH M. BURNS of Fresno County on January 8, 1943. It was unanimously approved by the Senate and was adopted by the Assembly with but five dissenting votes. Pursuant to its provisions the Rules Committee of the Senate appointed Senators HUGH M. BURNS and JACK B. TENNEY and the Speaker of the Assembly appointed Assemblymen NELSON S. DILWORTH and Dr. JESSE RANDOLPH KELLEMS. The committee in its first meeting elected Senator JACK B. TENNEY its chairman."

Inasmuch as the California State Legislature has adjourned State Senator JACK B. TENNEY, Los Angeles County, California, the Chairman of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee is not available at Sacramento, California.

In connection with the Bureau's request as contained in Bureau letter of reference concerning data which might be of interest in connection

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with the Committee's project, particularly its objectives and planned manner of operation in the future, a copy of this letter is being furnished the Los Angeles Field Division with the suggestion that Chairman Senator TENNEY be discreetly approached to ascertain the future objective of this Committee.

Very truly yours,

W. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

cc- Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California
June 10, 1943.

Director, FBI

RE: JOINT FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE ON
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication directed to the San Francisco Field Division under date of May 7, 1943, and to San Francisco letter to the Bureau, dated May 31, 1943.

Kindly be advised that the California State Legislature has created three Fact-Finding Committees since January 27, 1941, with relation to un-American activities in California. The present Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, as far as investigative effort is concerned, is a continuation of the first Committee that was created in 1941. Inasmuch as JACK B. TENNEY has been elected or chosen as Chairman of each of the three Committees, all these Committees have been popularly named JACK B. TENNEY COMMITTEES.

Mr. RICHARD E. COMBS, an attorney of Visalia, California, has been the Chief Investigator of each of the three Committees. He has advised that the present Committee is considered a continuation of the two prior Committees. He has further advised that on May 8, 1943, the Committee enjoyed a \$20,000.00 appropriation, and that hearings will be held at Los Angeles and San Francisco in the near future, particularly on Communist Party activities. He advised there are no definite dates set, as yet, for these hearings.

For the information of the Bureau and the San Francisco Division, the following resume outlines the creation of the three respective Committees:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13, filed with the California Secretary of State January 27, 1941, created the first Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California. This Resolution No. 13 provided that the Committee should act during the 1941 Session of the California Legislature, including any Recess, and after final adjournment, hereof, until the commencement of the 55th Legislature. Resolution No. 13 also appropriated \$10,000.00 for the expense of this Committee. JACK B. TENNEY was selected as Chairman, and henceforth this Committee was generally referred to as the JACK B. TENNEY COMMITTEE. Before the

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Final adjournment of the 1941 Legislature, the Rules Committee of the California Senate declined to make further appropriation for use of the Committee created under provisions of Resolution No. 13.

On June 13, 1941, however, Assemblyman JACK B. TENNEY, as Chairman of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee, offered House Resolution No. 277 to the California Assembly, and it was adopted. This Resolution contained nearly the same provisions as Resolution No. 13, aforementioned, except that it created an Assembly Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California of five members of the Assembly to be appointed by the Speaker. House Resolution 277 appropriated \$15,000.00 from the contingent fund of the Assembly for the expenses of the Committee. The Speaker named Assemblymen HUGH M. BURNS, NELSON S. DILWORTH, JESSE RANDOLPH KELLEMS, JAMES H. PHILLIPS, and JACK B. TENNEY on this second Committee, created under House Resolution No. 277.

It is significant to note here that no California State Senators were on this second Committee. The State Senators, however, continued to serve under the first Committee created under Resolution 13, aforementioned, until the end of the year 1941. With relation to the second Committee created under House Resolution 277, its members again selected JACK B. TENNEY as its Chairman, and, as before, this Committee was popularly named the JACK B. TENNEY COMMITTEE.

Subsequently, JACK B. TENNEY was elected a State Senator. Senator TENNEY, on January 8, 1943, together with HUGH M. BURNS of Fresno County, California, introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, which was unanimously approved by the Senate and also adopted by the California State Assembly with but five dissenting votes. This created the third Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, and inasmuch as both Assemblymen and State Senators were named on the Committee, it again became a Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California.

The Rules Committee of the Senate appointed Senators HUGH M. BURNS and JACK B. TENNEY on this Committee. The Speaker of the Assembly appointed NELSON S. DILWORTH and Dr. JESSE RANDOLPH KELLEMS as members of the new Committee created on January 8, 1943, under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8. At the first meeting, JACK B. TENNEY was selected as Chairman. The California State Legislature, in January, 1943, appropriated \$10,000.00

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June 10, 1943.

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for this third Committee. As before, it is generally referred to as the JACK B. TENNEY COMMITTEE, although the Communist Party in the State of California generally styles this Committee as the "Little Dies Committee."

On May 7, 1943, the California State Legislature passed another appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for this Committee on a Bill known as Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59, which had been presented by Assemblyman KELLEMS. As of May 4, 1943, JACK B. TENNEY had requested a \$50,000.00 appropriation from the California State Senate Finance Committee. This, however, was turned down, and Senator TENNEY reduced his appropriation demand to \$20,000.00, which the Assembly granted on May 8, 1943.

It is noted, therefore, that the Committee that is presently operating is a Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, which received a \$10,000.00 appropriation in January, 1943, and an additional \$20,000.00 appropriation on May 8, 1943. On June 9, 1943, JACK B. TENNEY and his Chief Investigator, H. E. COMBS, were in Los Angeles, and newspaper accounts indicated that they were questioning the "Zoot Suit" prisoners at the Los Angeles jails to determine whether un-American agents were behind the local disturbance between "Zootsuits" and the Army and Navy personnel.


When the Committee announces dates for hearings relative to un-American activities in California, the Bureau will be advised.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, 
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cc San Francisco

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May 14, 1943

TO ALL COUNTRIES

Dear Comrades:

The Legislature on May 7th passed an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Tenney (Little Dies) Committee. The Bill was A.C.R.#59, by Assemblyman Kellems. The appropriation now awaits Governor Warren's signature. This bill is in addition to a \$10,000 appropriation voted by the Legislature in January, and signed at that time by the Governor.

The Tenney Committee, carrying the Hitlerite line of the Dies Committee in California, is a menace to Labor and to national unity, by its labor-baiting, red-baiting attacks on all progressive, labor, pro-war forces. It slanders our Soviet ally by calling it a "Fascist state", and repeats the familiar thesis of Hitlerism about the "red menace" and that the Communist Party is a "Moscow tool".

All labor and progressive forces should be urged to immediately wire Governor Warren, urging a veto of this appropriation. The continuation of the Tenney Committee would be a victory for the appeaser and defeatist forces that are fighting against the nation's war policy and its unity.

Immediate action is necessary.

Fraternally yours,

STATE COMMITTEE

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Los Angeles, July 29, 1943
BULLETIN # 6.

The Communist Party of California, through its organizations and press has launched a campaign against GOVERNOR WARREN of California. The PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD, Communist daily newspaper on the Pacific Coast for some weeks now has been carrying articles and news stories prejudicially slanted against GOVERNOR EARL WARREN.

An editorial in the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for Wednesday, July 21, 1943, under the heading "WARREN'S 'NEUTRAL' POSE CONCEALS ANTI-P.D.R. LINE" key-notes the Communist campaign against the Governor.

STAND OF GOVERNOR ON JAPANESE ATTACKED

"According to our coverage of the (Governor's) conference," says JOHN PITTMAN in the editorial in question, "Governor Warren's sole contribution to the solution of the problems of the nation and the world, now in the most critical period of history, was a claim that the release of the Japanese-Americans from the relocation centers in the West, had created a danger in the country . . ."

"It bears the indelible stamp of an incorrigibly provincial mind, surveying the universe from the top of an ant hill, and at that, through the wrong end of a telescope."

"Its pottiness is exceeded only by its falsity, for in actual fact the release of loyal Japanese-Americans from relocation camps for integration in industry and the armed services has been a boon rather than a danger, to the war effort."

"More to the point, it smells of the 'Pacific First' dung-hill, explicitly minimizing the menace of Hitler, all too few of whose saboteurs amongst us have been tried."

THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND OF GOVERNOR

CHIEF PRIZE OF COMMUNISTS

"One has to look beneath what he (Warren) doesn't say to see the real Warren. Thus, while prating of 'states' rights' as a springboard from which to attack the Administration with lip-service to democracy, he signed the Dilworth Bill banning small parties from the California ballot."

"While concurring in the Governors Conference tribute to the Soviet Union, he aided and encouraged Senator Jack Tenney's 'Little Dies' Committee in its slanderous attacks on the Soviet-American alliance."

"These deeds are the real Warren - the arch-Hooverite and former anti-labor District Attorney, with the mentality of a cop, the cunning of a shyster, and the power of a protege of the Republican National Committee."

"Not to see this Warren is to fall into the trap his studied policy has set. It is to harbor illusions concerning the man's motives and aims. It is to risk California's being led into the anti-Roosevelt, anti-Soviet, anti-British, pro-Fascist camp in 1944."

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FROM THE JOINT FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN
CALIFORNIA

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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BULLETIN # 13.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT W. KENNY AND NATIONAL
LAWYERS' GUILD BACK C. I. O. ELECTION DRIVE
AND DEMAND DISSOLUTION OF DIES COMMITTEE.

The Communist Party West Coast publication, the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD, for August 3, 1943, carries a front page story, topped by a picture of Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY, President of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD, and President PHILIP MURRAY of the C.I.O. The article is dated lined "Washington, August 2, Special to The People's World". It states in substance that the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD will join with the C. I. O. in its drive to change Congress into a "Win-the-War Body". In a letter put out by the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD and signed by ROBERT W. KENNY, as President, and MARTIN POPPER, Executive Secretary, and addressed to PHILIP MURRAY and GEORGE F. ADAMS, President and Chairman, respectively, of the C. I. O. COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, KENNY and POPPER notify the C. I. O. that the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD will associate itself directly with the C. I. O. move to organize congressional district committees. Quoting directly from the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD article:

- " 'As a national organization of professionals, we support the collaboration of organized labor with all other sections of our population whose identity of interest is based upon support for victory and democracy,' KENNY and POPPER wrote.
- " 'If this collaboration is organized, it will not only make the present Congress a win-the-war Congress, but it will lay the foundation for the permanent unity of all patriotic forces in our country.
- " 'The Lawyers' Guild letter suggested that the Congressional Action Committee program should also include the 'dissolution of the Dies Committee and its most recent offspring, the Kerr Committee.'
- " 'In large measure the Dies Committee is responsible for the anti-war, anti-labor policies of the present Congress,' the letter said. 'It has been the most effective organizing center in Congress for the adoption of these policies.'"

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION

From the report of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, pp. 98-99:

"The National Student League, the Farm Labor Party, American Youth Congress, Anti-War Committee, Anti-R. O. T. C. Committee, International Labor Defense and the National Lawyers' Guild are all Communist front organizations. Many witnesses were examined concerning these organizations, their officers and members, their ostensible purposes and hidden objectives. Nearly all witnesses connected even remotely with any of these organizations were closely questioned and examined.

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"representatives secured much documentary material, pamphlets and circulars issued by these, and similar organizations.

"The National Lawyers' Guild came into being early in 1937 and was reportedly a lawyers' group in opposition to the American Bar Association. Many Communist attorneys in California and in the United States assisted in the formation of this group and the American Civil Liberties Union is also represented. CAROL WEISS KING, a former stockholder in the Daily Worker, the official Communist publication for the East Coast, LEO GALLAGHER, who has represented the Communist Party of California as well as many Communist defendants, CHARLES J. KATZ, sponsor of the HARRY BRIDGES DEFENSE COMMITTEE and the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, LOREN MILLER, Negro Communist and former staff editor of New Masses, a magazine published by the Communist Party, AUBREY GROSSMAN and others, are California members of the National Lawyers' Guild.

"On June 5, 1940, A. A. BERLE, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, resigned from the National Lawyers' Guild, charging that the leadership of the Organization is not prepared 'to take any stand which conflicts with the Communist Party Line.' Many other attorneys have resigned from the National Lawyers' Guild because of its Communist domination and control. The Attorney General of California, ROBERT W. KERNY, is serving his second term as the president of the National Lawyers' Guild."

states: JEROME LYONS in his book "THE RED DECADE" pp. 303-305,

"Mr. (Thomas I.) Emerson, assistant general counsel of the (National Labor Relations) Board, was, along with (Nathan) Witt, among the founders of the National Lawyers Guild and leaders of its extreme pro-Communist faction. Both remained in the organization after it had been publicly denounced by Adolph A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, as communist-dominated. Both of them are familiar figures among the sponsors of other Stalinist Innocents' Clubs.

"When Mr. Berle resigned from the National Lawyers Guild on June 5, 1940, he explained that 'it is now obvious that the present management of the guild is not prepared to take any stand which conflicts with the Communist Party Line.' It was a kind of confession since a man of his perspicacity might have discovered the conspicuously obvious before that. Like Tom Goreoran, Attorney General Jackson, Nathan Mangold and other New Dealers, he waited until the Hitler-Stalin alliance hit them before disowning this fellow-traveling organization. . . ."

The NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD flows from the INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE (See Bulletin # 5), which in the American Section of H. G. P. R. with headquarters in Moscow. The American Section is headed by Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO of New York. It may be said that most of the pro-Communists and Communist fellow travelers in the legal profession have been, and still are, in the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD.

In February of 1939, Justice FERDINAND PECORA of the New York Supreme Court and retiring President of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD, presented a resolution to the four day convention of the organization in Chicago, blasting Communism along with Fascism and Nazism. The majority of the Executive Board of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD voted against the Pecora resolution. At that time Justice PECORA announced his intention of leading a

general resignation of members from the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD if Communists are not driven out of control." He reported that MORRIS ERNST had introduced the resolution in question and that it had later been withdrawn. ERNEST CUNEO then offered a resolution in support of PECORA, who had previously spoken in favor of the ERNST resolution, but the resolution was defeated.

On February 24, 1939, FRANK P. WALSH, of the New York State Power Authority, declined to accept office as the Honorary President of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. PECORA reported that he had stated at the time the ERNST resolution was introduced: "Communism, Fascism, Nazism, or any ism, be it of this nation or an alien organization, which seeks to supplant our democracy, is a target for our attack. We denounce and we will combat any system subversive of the principles of democracy."

OSMOND K. FRANKEL, member of the Executive Board of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD, presided at the meeting of the Executive Board when it refused to support Judge PECORA.

The incident of the refusal of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD to pass the PECORA resolution resulted in wide-spread resignations by lawyers who were as opposed to Communism as they were to Fascism and Nazism. JOSEPH D. MCGOLDRICK, New York Controller, announced that he would resign from the Guild. JOHN GUTKNECHT, Judge, of Chicago, succeeded Judge PECORA as the President of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD and publicly denied any split in the ranks of the Guild over the subject of Communism. GEORGE QUILLICI, President or Chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD, sided with Judge GUTKNECHT in the controversy. A conference was held in New York the latter part of February of 1939 in an attempt to heal the breach. This conference was attended by Judge PECORA, Judge GUTKNECHT, MORRIS ERNST, MORTIMER HAYES, S. JOHN BLOCK, SAMUEL NULL, ERIC SCHLESINGER, RANDOLPH E. PAUL, OSMOND K. FRANKEL, VERNON C. STONEMAN, JOSEPH SUGARMAN, HENRY T. HURT, MALCOLM P. SHARP and PAUL J. KERN.

The conference failed to heal the breach and the rift in the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD became nation-wide with the Chapters of the organization all over the United States discussing the Communist Party control of the organization. THURMAN ARNOLD, Assistant Attorney General, and JEROME N. FRANK, Securities and Exchange Commission, announced their contemplated resignations from the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. FRANK P. WALSH refused to consider or recall his resignation. The New York Times for February 27, 1939, reported that the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD membership had diminished by 2,500 members since the Chicago convention, held just two weeks previous.

Chicago members listed as resigning from the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD were, WILLIAM F. HOLLY of the Federal District Court, L. B. DICKERSON, GEORGE L. QUILLICI, ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, PEARL HART and MALCOLM SHARP. In resigning, the above individuals issued the following statement: "As judges, public officials and lawyers we have sworn to uphold the Constitution. . . . The resigning members went on to state that they opposed all foreign ideologies, whether of the right or of the left.

The PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for May 22, 1941 reported that prominent members of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD had responded to a call of Senator ROBERT W. KENNY, National President of the Guild, to attend a dinner given in honor of LEO GALLAGHER, a Guild member and a member of the Communist Party. Some of those who responded to the call were CAREY McWILLIAMS, CHARLES F. BOYD, NORMAN THOMAS, GEORGE E. BOYLE and JOSEPH W. AIDLIN.

The PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for November 22, 1941, reported a regional conference of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD and the adoption of a resolution by Guild members to present a brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State Secretary of the Communist Party, whose citizenship case was then pending on appeal before that high tribunal.

The PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for February 13, 1942, reported a "Special to the People's World" from Washington, D. C. that the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD had made a special plea to the House of Representatives, urging the members of Congress to vote against appropriating additional funds for the Dies Committee. The NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD stated that Dies was "aiding

the fifth column" and indulging in "Red-baiting". (Report on this matter in the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD, under the above date, covered two columns on the front page and a long carry-over.)

Individuals reported as members of, or active in, the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD in California, include:

JOSEPH AIDLIN,
SAM HOUSTON ALLEN,
GEORGE ANDERSON,
SPENCER AUSTRIAN,
J. ALLEN FRANKEL,
LEO GALLAGHER,
I. RICHARD GLADSTEIN,
JACK GREENBERG,
AUBREY GROSSMAN,
CHARLES J. KATZ,
ROBERT A. KENNY,
CAROL WEISS KING,

GROVER JOHNSON,
BEN MARGOLIS,
CARTY McWILLIAMS,
LOREN MILLER,
ISAAC PACHT,
HERBERT RESNER,
HAROLD W. SAWYER,
GLORE WARNE,
LAWRENCE H. WEINBERG,
A. L. WIRIN,
NATHAN WITT.

Information concerning the above NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD members from the Committee's files.

JOSEPH AIDLIN

(See Committee Bulletin # 4.)

SAM HOUSTON ALLEN

Attorney. (Apparently associated with SPENCER AUSTRIAN, attorney, as both lawyers had their offices at 6331 Hollywood Blvd., in Hollywood, in 1940.) Former Los Angeles County Administrator for the STATE RELIEF ADMINISTRATION. Subject secured this appointment through the Communist clique and played ball with the Communists throughout his administration. Subject accepted the aid of the Communist Party and its support when he ran for Congress in 1938. In October of 1940, subject publicly endorsed CELESTE STRACK, the Communist Party candidate for Congress in Los Angeles County. The HOLMES report regarding ED NICHOLS, who helped organize the CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEGISLATURE (1936-1937) was a law partner of subject. Handbill distributed in May of 1940, during the HITLER-STALIN Pact, bearing the slogan "KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR", by the so-called LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION (Patterson State), listed subject as a member of the group, together with FAY E. ALLEN, PHILLIP M. CONNELLY, REUBEN W. BOROUGH, HERBERT SORRELL, MRS. JESSEE TERRY and GERMAINE BULCKE.

GEORGE ANDERSON

San Francisco attorney, usually representing the Communist Party in court matters. In 1935 subject was a Labor Party nominee for the Municipal Court in San Francisco. Formerly he had been a member of the Ship Fitters Union, Local # 9, and the Boiler Makers' Union, Local # 6. In 1937, subject became an Executive Committee member of the San Francisco Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. On July 11, 1937, subject was the Chairman and a speaker at an I. L. D. picnic in San Francisco. In August of 1937, subject became a sponsor of the California branch of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRANCH. In September 30, 1937, subject was candidate for Supervisor of San Francisco on the Communist Party ticket. In 1938, subject has been legal advisor of the so-called "Inner Group" of the Communist Party in San Francisco and has been active as a legal advisor to HARRY BRIDGES, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, POP HANCOCK, LAWRENCE ROSS and others. In 1938 subject was a candidate for Judge of Superior Court with HERBERT RESNER as his campaign manager. In 1941, subject, together with HERBERT RESNER, defended SAM BAROY. In April of 1941, subject was an attorney for WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN of the Communist Party. Subject said to reside with DR. FRANCES FOSTER at 59 Piedmont Street, San Francisco.

SPENCER AUSTRIAN

Los Angeles attorney. Worked with Communist attorney group in

1936 to prevent the disbarment of LEO GALLAGHER. Subject revealed to RENA VALE, former Communist Party member, that he was a member of the Communist Party Control Commission in Los Angeles in 1938. EZRA CHASE, former Communist Party member, testified that he attended closed Communist Party meetings with subject, DON HEALEY, LOU BARON, MAT PEIMAN, EILLIAN CAMPBELL and others in a hotel room on 2nd Street near Hill, Los Angeles, in October or November of 1937. In August of 1941, subject sponsored a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held September 27, 1941, in San Francisco, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party."

J. ALLAN FRANKEL

(Sometimes known as "Jack"). In August of 1941, subject sponsored a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held September 27, 1941, in San Francisco, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party." Continually defends the Communists and the Communist Party. Reported to be a member of the Lawyers' Unit, Professional Section, of the Communist Party in September of 1940, serving on the Professional Section Bureau. Defended LEO GALLAGHER against disbarment by the State Bar Association in 1936.

LEO GALLAGHER

(See Committee Bulletin # 4.)

I. RICHARD GLADSTEIN

Formerly of the law firm of GLADSTEIN, GROSSMAN & MARGOLIS, located in the Mills Building in San Francisco. Has continually defended Communists and Communist inspired strikers. Reported to have joined the Communist Party in April of 1937. In August of 1937, subject was reported to be a member of the Lawyers' Unit of the Communist Party. On August 24, 1937, subject spoke under the auspices of the JOHN REED LODGE, 694, of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER (a Communist organization) at Sokol Hall, 739 Page Street, San Francisco. Subject was master of ceremonies at the Chinese-American dinner dance sponsored by the Chinese Branch of the IWO, November 10, 1937, at the New Shanghai Cafe in San Francisco. Subject's address in 1938 reported as 2030 Fell Street, San Francisco. In June, 1938, subject became a member of the Executive Board of the San Francisco Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. In July of 1939, subject was co-counsel with AUBREY GROSSMAN, and CAROL WEISS KING, in the HARRY BRIDGES deportation hearing. In April of 1940, subject became the general counsel for the C.I.O. in northern California.

JACK GREENBERG

CARL. Los Angeles attorney. (Not to be confused with Attorney Carl Jack Greenberg, former Chief Clerk of the California Assembly.) Subject testified before the Joint Fact-Finding Committee in 1941. Under date of March 21, 1941, subject addressed letters to the Legislature, signing himself Legislative Chairman of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER, representing Lodge 704 thereof, protesting Assembly Bills 58, 102, 105, 2347 and Senate Bill 180, measures directed against subversive activities in general and the Communist Party in particular.

AUBREY GROSSMAN

(See Committee Bulletin # 10.)

JOHN LEECH

Los Angeles attorney. Subject defends underground Communists. Communist dominated unions' legal affairs. Was the leader of the UNITED HOLLYWOOD MOTION PICTURE CRAFTS Union to establish Communist-C.I.O. Union in Hollywood motion picture crafts. Has been very active in all underground Communist activities in Hollywood. JOHN LEECH testified that he knew subject as a member of the Communist Party when he (LEECH) was the Los Angeles County Secretary of the Communist Party. LEECH testified that subject was active in Communist Party professional study groups and in organizing same in Hollywood for the Communist Party. Subject was active in the Communist fraction of the HOLLYWOOD ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE. He was counsel for the INTERNATIONAL CRAFTS WORKERS' UNION in Los Angeles. LEECH testified that subject received his Party

Membership Book from STANLEY LAWRENCE. Subject worked with TITMUS TUTTLE in organizing underground Communist cells in Hollywood. Also with HERBERT BIRBERMAN and V. J. JEROME. Subject's wife said to be very active in Communist Party work. LESCH testified that subject joined the Communist Party in 1936. In 1939 subject became the chairman of the Los Angeles Branch of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. In August of 1939 the HARRY BRIDGES DEFENSE COMMITTEE letter-head carries subject's name. The PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for July 18, 1941, reports subject as one of the attorneys for SAM DARCY, Communist leader, in DARCY'S perjury trial in San Francisco. On June 3, 1941, subject acted as toast master at the LEO GALLAGHER testimonial banquet held in the Wilshire Bowl in Los Angeles. Subject, in 1937, was listed as one of the sponsors of the HOLLYWOOD ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE, together with JUDGE ISAAC PAOHT, VIOLA BROTHERS SHORE, ROBERT W. KENNY, H. S. KRAFT, FREDERICK MARCH, HERBERT BIRBERMAN and FRANK TUTTLE. Subject worked with the Communist Party fraction in the INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES Union and the UNITED STUDIO TECHNICIANS' GUILD to bring GEORGE F. HUBLE, attorney for the PACIFIC COAST LABOR BUREAU, to Hollywood. Subject worked with JEFF KIBRE and his "La Progressives" in organizing the UNITED STUDIO TECHNICIANS' GUILD. HERBERT SORRELL, of the STUDIO PAINTERS UNION, Local 644, worked with subject in this invasion. Intercepted correspondence between KIBRE and ROY HUDSON (Communist functionary in New York) indicates that HARRY BRIDGES, LOUIS GOLDBLATT and other high ranking C.I.O. Communists, as well as high officials of the Communist Party, were involved in the UNITED STUDIO TECHNICIANS' GUILD invasion of Hollywood. REHA VALE reports that subject held Communist Party meetings in his home in 1940 at which the INTERNATIONALE was sung and the Communist salute given; that subject attempted to recruit anonymous informant into the Communist Party. Subject's younger brother, YALE KATZ, medical student in the Chicago University, was drawn into Communist activities through subject and his wife. Reported to be one of the organizers of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD in Los Angeles.

ROBERT W. KENNY

Former Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles County, State Senator and presently Attorney General for the State of California. PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for August 30, 1941 reports subject as sponsoring a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held September 27, 1941 in San Francisco, protesting the "Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party". Subject has permitted his name to be used by various Communist front organizations and is alleged to have followed the Communist Party line in the California State Senate. Voted against the Bill outlawing the Communist Party in California. Subject is serving his second term as National President of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. The SACRAMENTO BEE, under date of August 10, 1942, challenged SENATOR ROBERT W. KENNY to answer this charge: "That Kenny, while running for Attorney General of California, sprang to the defense of HARRY BRIDGES and publicly denounced the action of United States Attorney General Francis Biddle in ordering the deportation of Bridges, upon the decision that Bridges was, or had been, a member of the Communist Party which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence". KENNY'S answer, published in the SACRAMENTO BEE on August 14, 1942, was: "My attitude on the Hot Cargo Bill and the Bridges case is well known." On August 10, 1942, KENNY was asked by the SACRAMENTO BEE to reply to this charge: "That KENNY contributed his services to prevent the court revocation of the citizenship of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary of the Communist Party." KENNY'S answer, published in the SACRAMENTO BEE on August 14, 1942, was: "It is true that I acted without fee as counsel for the Communist Schneiderman." On December 8, 1939, the OAKLAND TRIBUNE quoted KENNY as stating: "I was decidedly interested in defending his (SCHNEIDERMAN'S) right to be an American citizen and a Communist at the same time." On June 1, 1943, the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD reported on BRIDGES as follows: "Bridges and his efforts and as KENNY sponsored a call for a testimonial dinner for LEO GALLAGHER in the Wilshire Bowl, Los Angeles, in May, 1941. In 1937, a folder KIBRE report, at p. 25, states that subject gave his home over to a Communist fraction for the purpose of forming the COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL UNITY, which evolved the CALIFORNIA FEDERATION FOR POLITICAL UNITY. HOMER [illegible] in subject's home for [illegible] of the Communist Professional Section, [illegible] DOROTHY RAY, Organizer

for UNITED CANNERY, AGRICULTURAL PACKERS AND ALLIED WORKERS OF AMERICA and Organizer for the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE and Communist Party member, JULES KIEVITS, JOSEPH AIDLIN, LOU BARON, Los Angeles Communist Party functionary, JAMES BURFORD, YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE leader, CHARLES (CHUCK) DAGGETT, Editor CIO Industrial Unionist, OLIVER THORNTON, Publisher of the UNITED PROGRESSIVE NEWS, S. M. WIDMAN, Los Angeles City College and others. The NEW MASSES magazine (Communist Party publication) in the issue of November 24, 1942, on p. 27, lists subject as the guest of honor, among others, to a dinner given by the NEW MASSES, honoring their new Board of Contributing editors on Saturday, November 28, 1942, 7 P. M., Murray Hill Hotel, 114 Park Avenue, at 41st Street, New York City.

CAROL WEISS KING

Communist INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE attorney. Subject was the author of monthly law bulletins for the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION from 1923 to 1925. Subject was an attorney for the GARLAND FUND, radical revolutionary financing pool. In June of 1937, subject collaborated with other INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE attorneys in the HERNDON case. Member of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD with considerable experience as an attorney in deportation cases. On May 18, 1938, subject arrived in San Francisco to act as defense attorney in the HARRY BRIDGES deportation hearing. In May of 1939 subject was INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE attorney to defend STRECKER in his deportation case. On June 10, 1939, subject became the Chief Counsel for HARRY BRIDGES in his deportation hearing and associated with I. RICHARD GLADSTEIN and AUDREY GROSSEMAN in this defense. Subject was one of the incorporators and stockholders in the DAILY WORKER, East Coast Communist publication. In 1940, subject was defense attorney for EARL BROWDER, in appealing his conviction on passport fraud charges. In November of 1940, subject is mentioned as a member of a Communist front organization, the AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN. Subject was one of the sponsors of the AMERICAN RESCUE SHIP MISSION with headquarters at 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, along with GEORGE MARSHALL of SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY (magazine) and the NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES, JR. Y. YERGAN of the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, GEORGE BELDES of "IN FACT", LION HIGHTMANER, writer of "MOSCOW, 1937", etc. This organization was exposed in the NEW LEADER as a Communist front. (See the NEW LEADER for January 11, 41, reporting the resignation of ELEANOR ROOSEVELT from this organization.)

I. MARGOLIS

Attorney, organizer and member of the San Francisco Chapter of NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. Said to be a member of the Communist Party signed to the Lawyers' Unit. Formerly associated in law practice with STEIN & GROSSEMAN. In 1940, the letterheads of the SCHNEIDERMAN-DARCY INSE COMMITTEE carry subject's name as sponsor. PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD for 25, 1943, p. 3, cols. 4 and 5, name subject as attending a meeting at Beverly-Fairfax Center, in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Junior Division of the UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND at which the recent riots in Los Angeles discussed by AL MAXMAN.

Y. McWILLIAMS

(See Committee Bulletins #14 and 101)

B. MILLER

Negro attorney. Subject was a Communist Party political worker among Negroes and former member of the JOINT REED COMMITTEE. Subject is a member of the Communist Party writers. In February of 1939, subject is a member of the Executive Board of the Los Angeles Branch of NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. In August of 1939, the letterhead of the HARRY BRIDGES COMMITTEE carries subject's name. RENA VALE reports that she went as a Communist Party member at a meeting of the Communist Party executives and instructions to be sent to subject were discussed. In 1941, subject is reported by the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD to be one of the sponsors for a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held in San

San Francisco on September 27, 1941, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party." The HOLTHERR report, p. 58, 1 subject as one of the first Los Angeles sponsors for the AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS in 1935 when that organization held a meeting under the name of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONGRESS, together with LEO GALLAGHER, SAM DARTY, DR. HERBERT ALEXANDER, PROFESSOR S. M. WILMAN and others. The NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS is a Communist controlled organization (Vol. I, pp. 278-428 Dies Committee hearings, WALTER STEWART.)

ISAAC PACHT

Former Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles County and a member of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. In 1937, subject was one of the sponsors of the HOLLYWOOD ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE. In 1939, subject acted as defense attorney for MIKHAIL GORIN on trial charged with being a Russian spy.

HERBERT HESBER

San Francisco attorney. Has represented a number of Communist dominated C.I.O. Unions. Subject is an official in the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD and an ardent follower of the Communist Party line. (Undoubtedly a member of the Communist Party at large.) In 1941, subject was an honorary pallbearer for JAMES McHARRA, self-confessed dynamiter, at his funeral March 15, 1941. In 1936, subject was the defense attorney for FRANK CONNER of the KING, CONNER, RAMSAY ship murder case in Alameda County. In 1938, subject's name appears on the letterhead of the FRIENDS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE as sponsor. In 1940, subject's name appears on the letterhead of the ZUKAS DEFENSE COMMITTEE as sponsor. In February of 1941, subject, together with SENATOR ROBERT W. KENNY, GEORGE OLINHAUSSEN and GEORGE ANDERSON, represented the State Secretary of the Communist Party, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, in his revocation of citizenship case. On May 15, 1941, subject sent a letter to District Attorney, Matthew Brady, of San Francisco, demanding the release of SAM DARTY.

ROLD SAWYER

San Francisco attorney and President of the San Francisco Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. Formerly associated with AUBREY GROSSMAN and various Communist attorneys in the defense of C.I.O. members and Communists. Wrote a pamphlet denouncing Martin Dies for the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD in 1939. Subject is highly publicized in glowing terms, in the PEOPLE'S DAILY CRIB from time to time. Subject defended STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS OF AMERICA (SCMA) members, tried for contempt of the Yorty Committee, investigating for the Legislature in Stockton in 1940. Witnesses stated that they had been advised by subject to refuse to answer any question propounded by members of the Committee as to their political affiliations or Communist leanings. Subject is said to have received the Communist Party files in his law offices in San Francisco when the Communist Party of California went underground in February of 1940. Subject's secretary is reported to have immediately quit her job rather than to be in the office with the records. The records are reported to have subsequently disappeared and it is believed that they were removed to the Soviet Consul's office in San Francisco. Subject was a sponsor for a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held in San Francisco on September 27, 1941, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party". The HOLTHERR report at p. 95 states that in the fall of 1937, subject was a member of the Communist Party and held conferences to form the CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR POLITICAL UNITY, drawing together LABOR NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE and all other groups within the Communist Party controlled "Democratic Fronts" for political pressure purposes. HOLTHERR reported that such well known Communists as BETTY GARNETT, DON R. HEALY, FRANK SAWYER and AUBREY GROSSMAN took part in these conferences. Subject is also reported to be one of the chief originators of the Conference; he is a prominent northern California Communist Party member, although under cover; prominent in NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. From p. 99 of the HOLTHERR report: "The (SAWYER) was nominated Vice-President by Communist Party faction (and elected) with other officers; LEO E. GEYER (now deceased), State President; REUBEN W. BOROUGH, Vice-President and WILLIAM J. PLUNKERT."

CLORE MARNE

Los Angeles attorney. Subject was Chairman of the INTER-

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN WORKER, September 30, 1935, p. 3, col. 7.) In 1936, subject was defense attorney for LEO GALLAGHER in his disbarment hearing. In 1941 subject became President of the Los Angeles Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD and was the head of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD COMMITTEE supporting SMALLMAN and BRITT WEBSTER. In November of 1941, subject was one of the defense attorneys for MIKHAIL GORIN, Soviet spy who was tried and deported. In 1941 subject also was an attorney for MAURICE GOODSTEIN in a suit filed against JAN VALTIN for certain statements in VALTIN'S book "OUT OF THE NIGHT". In 1941 subject was a sponsor for a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held in San Francisco on September 27, 1941, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party". Attended testimonial banquet for Communist attorney LEO GALLAGHER held in Wilshire Bowl in Los Angeles, called by SENATOR ROBERT W. KENNY.

LAURENCE WHITBERG

Los Angeles attorney and member of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. Active in Communist front organizations.

A. L. MIRIN

(Full name said to be ABRAHAM LINCOLN MIRIN). Los Angeles attorney. On April 5, 1941, subject spoke at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles as a delegate from the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION at a so-called "Emergency Conference to Halt the Blackout of Civil Liberties in California" (the Communist Party opposed the Subversive Registration Bill, now enacted into the law and under which ROBERT NOBIE, et al, were convicted.) Subject is closely associated with the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION and the INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, the American Section of the International Red Aid of Moscow. Subject has defended Communist Party members charged with the violation of the California Syndicalism law. He was born April 11, 1900 in Brezna, Russia. Subject said to have done social work as Director of the Communist Center in East Boston, Mass; as Supervisor of Big Brother Work in Brooklyn, New York; and as Secretary of the Open Forum Club at Boston University Law School. In 1935, subject was appointed counsel for the NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD in Washington, D. C.; the American Legion protested this appointment. In August, 1941, subject was a sponsor for a state-wide conference on civil rights to be held in San Francisco on September 27, 1941, protesting "the Tenney Committee and the Tenney Bill outlawing the Communist Party. Subject law partner of LEO GALLAGHER.

NATHAN WITT

Los Angeles attorney and member of the NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD. Subject was one of the signers of an open letter President Roosevelt requesting him to rescind the decision of Attorney General Biddle to deport HARRY BRIDGES. Subject was a crony and associate of THOMAS I. ELSTERSON, who was appointed as Associate General Counsel of the O. P. A. and Civilian Supply. (New York NEW LEADER, August 9, 1941, p. 3.)

Tenney Attacks Press

An attack was launched this week by State Senator Jack Tenney, through the columns of the Los Angeles Times, on a Pacific Coast newspaper. The S. S. claims that he was "shocked" to find the names of leading citizens and members of the State Legislature associated with a meeting to be held tonight, Wednesday, at the First Unitarian Church. Purpose of the press conference is to determine how the paper can best aid in the war effort.

In a loud whisper Tenney proclaims "the newspaper (People's World) is a Communist publication."

Maybe it has not yet come to the attention of Tenney that this nation (the people and the laws) believe in freedom of the press. If the People's World is inclined to the Communist Party, that is their privilege. Certainly they should be entitled to observe their political convictions just as well as the Los Angeles Times, which fights Labor, and the Hearst press, which fights the administration in Washington.

The record of the People's World during this global war is one that is above criticism. They have aided President Roosevelt's war effort program. They have carried hundreds of inches in support of war bond sales, salvage drives, Red Cross contributions, civilian defense and other programs that are aimed at a win-the-war program.

If the paper is guilty of anything at all. It is their conscientious effort to tell the truth, which has caused Mr. Tenney no end of embarrassment from time to time.

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Tenney's Communist Charge Against Church Brings Action

Investigation of accusations that the First Unitarian Church is harboring Communist front organization meetings was promised in a letter received yesterday by Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the California legislative fact finding committee on un-American activities.

The letter, from J. W. Hartman, assistant tax assessor of Los Angeles County, assured Tenney that "the County Assessor's office has ordered an immediate and thorough investigation," and that "should our investigation substantiate the statements in your letter, we will move instantly to cancel the (tax) exemption which has been allowed for the current year on this property."

The letter to which Hartman refers was sent to Assessor John R. Quinn from the fact-finding committee and signed by Senator Tenney. It stated that the First Unitarian Church has allowed the property to be used as a meeting place for Communists, such use of church property being contrary to the law exempting church property on the grounds that it is devoted solely to worship and religious work.

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Coddling of Reds Hit

"Subversive activities are increasing in California. Coddling of Communistic organizations by government officials is encouraging increased activity by these organizations."

This was the warning voiced by State Senator Jack B. Tenney, in addresses made before two groups in Los Angeles—the Women's City Club meeting at Elks Temple and the Greater Hollywood Taxpayers' Association, meeting at 7501 Hollywood boulevard.

"Despite the Moscow order dissolving the Comintern, Communistic organizations in America still are preaching overthrow of the government, and our investigations prove they will not cease until this is accomplished," said Tenney who is chairman of the legislative joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.

Tenney said that work of his committee in checking the various subversive groups was three or four months behind and getting farther behind every day.

"Fascism, Communism and Nazism cannot exist without a dictator," Tenney said. "Democracy, plus a constitution which acts as a check rein, will insure America's freedom."

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iator Charges Red Activity Growing Here

Political activities of Communists are increasing in California, Dr. Jesse R. Kellems, member of the legislative joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities, declared here yesterday. He was speaker at a meeting of the Americanism Educational League at the Biltmore.

"Now the Communists declare their loyalty to the American Commander-in-Chief and to the American way of life," Dr. Kellems said, "but before Russia was attacked by Germany they talked otherwise. Then they called it an imperialist war and kept crying, 'The Yanks aren't coming.'"

Committee Report Cited

"The report of the legislative committee showed in detail that Communism, Nazism and Fascism differ only in minor degrees; all are totalitarian and opposed to the dignity of the individual. The Nazis stand for government by the elite, themselves, and the Communists also have an elite. The elite who seek to run things in this country is composed of those social misfits called the Communist party. They seek to establish totalitarianism through a managed economy."

"One of the most shameful pieces of misconduct in the war at home is the policy of the government to by-pass the Japanese problem," said Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the league. "Congress has refused to consider any solution to the problem, which will cause us great embarrassment at the conclusion of the war. Unless we set up the machinery for it every Japanese will be released after the war, even the most dangerous enemy agents."

Jap Problem Discussed

Dr. Lechner declared that the onion shortage on the Pacific Coast is due, in part, to Japanese market manipulations, according to confidential reports reaching his office.

Lee D. Mathews, chairman of the league, told of its activities

as clearinghouse for Americanism and Dr. L. A. Hammer, past 23rd District Commander, American Legion, told of its activities in the Japanese question.

"I expect the fall meeting of the Legion to adopt a definite program to bring the Japanese problem to the attention of Congress," he said, "and to urge a satisfactory solution on a national scale."

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AMERICANISM SPEAKER—Lee D. Mathews, chairman of Americanism Educational League, as he spoke at session yesterday. Dr. John R. Lechner, director, at the right.

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250,000 Cal. Pinks, Reds, Claim

Tenney Tells of
Number as Quiz
Here Set to Open

State Senator Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the State Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, charged today that California has 250,000 Communist Party members and "fellow travelers."

The senator made the statement as the committee, singling out several left-wing organizations for particular scrutiny, prepared evidence for the opening of hearings tomorrow at the State Building.

More than 20 witnesses, including Dr. Helen Hall Moreland, dean of women at the University of Southern California, are already under subpoena to testify, according to Richard E. Combs, chief counsel for the committee.

Among the organizations that will be investigated is the American-Russian Institute of Southern California, Inc., described by Combs as a "very dangerous front which distributes propaganda printed by the Soviet Propaganda Ministry over a very wide field."

Senator Tenney termed the institute as a "beautiful espionage setup," and said it was one of the few front organizations that "has direct contact with Soviet diplomats."

The propaganda is distributed at the People's Educational Center and at trade union meetings, Combs said.

The People's Educational Center itself, which also will be investigated, is a "Marxist school headed by a Communist," said Combs.

Also listed for scrutiny by the committee are The People's

Daily World, whose poll, Combs said, "is molded by top-ranking California Communists," and the American Civil Liberties Union, which, he said, has a "directorship loaded with people whose names pop up in membership lists of left-wing organizations."

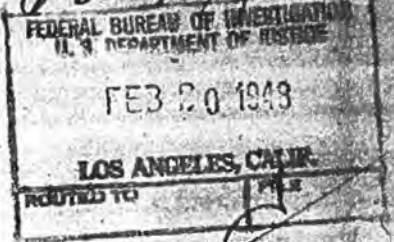
The committee also has evidence to show that Hanns Eisler is "not a gentle, mild anti-fascist refugee who joined the Communist Party merely as a protest against Nazism," the attorney asserted.

"Eisler was so important a Communist that in 1939 the party named a Los Angeles branch in his honor," he said.

The Actor's Laboratory Theater, where, Combs said, "young actors and actresses are given shots of Marxist propaganda," also will be investigated.

Witnesses subpoenaed for tomorrow's hearing include Dr. Moreland, and two officials of the C. I. O. News Vendors Union, William Axelrod and Louis Schwartz. Process servers also are seeking Sanford Goldner, reputed member of the American-Russian Institute, for appearance tomorrow.

Also on the list for appearance at later hearings are Sidney Burke and Jack Young, writers for the People's Daily World.



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Red Net Seen by Tenney in Front Groups

**Communist Control
Held Proved at
Committee Hearing**

Communist control of an "interlocking network of front organizations in Southern California" has been proved during the four-day session of the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities here, Chairman Jack B. Tenney asserted last night.

Testimony and evidence produced at the hearings, Tenney said, "prove an over-all co-ordination by the masterminds of the Communist party."

Possible issuance of contempt citations against several witnesses who refused to answer whether or not they had joined the Communist party will be postponed to March 1, Tenney disclosed. It had been planned to consider such procedure yesterday afternoon but a conference with A.F.L. labor leaders took place instead, because several committee members were unable to participate.

Gershwin Complimented

Among Hollywood figures questioned during the State Building four-day session were Rose Hobart, Florence Eldridge, J. Edward Bromberg, Roman Bohnen and Ira Gershwin. Unlike the others, Gershwin, lyrics writer and brother of the late composer, was complimented for his "co-operation" during questioning by Richard E. Combs, chief counsel for the committee.

Attending the committee-labor conference in State-Sen. Jack B. Tenney's office were Henry I. Hasiwar, representing the National Farm Labor Union; Pat Somerset, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor; Roy Brewer, representing the I.A.T.S.E.; William J. Bassett, secretary of the Central Labor Council; Curt J. Hyans, field representative of the State Federation of Labor, and Oliver Carlson, expert on Communist strategy.

Denies Strike Financed

Hasiwar denied that the National Sharecroppers Fund, headed by Eduard C. Lindeman, had furnished financial aid for the Di Giorgio Farms strike in Kern County, being conducted by his union.

Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs reported he had made a recent independent check of the Kern County strike. He said he failed to find any Communist influence in the situation, although Communists had tried unsuccessfully to infiltrate.

Following the conference Tenney issued this statement:

The A.F.L. wants a statement that would in effect clear the National Sharecroppers Fund of its Communist-front status, which neither I nor the committee can do in view of the record and testimony of H. L. Mitchell, national director of the National Farm Labor Union, in view of the union's relationship to the fund.

"It appears to me the union leaders in Bakersfield were unaware of the Communist character of the fund. I am quite confident that when they have investigated they will repudiate this outfit in no uncertain terms."

Publications Read

The morning session was devoted by Combs to reading into the minutes excerpts from a stack of documents, including the People's World, Daily Worker, Counter Attack and other publications held by the com-

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ANALYSIS REVEALS RED PROPAGANDA IN CAL. TEXTBOOKS

Pro-Communist propaganda that sometimes hits "with the blunt impact of a clenched fist" and at other times is "insidious" is contained in the Building America textbook series over which California educators and legislators have been battling for two years.

This indictment of the series of 30 supplementary textbooks designed for seventh and eighth grade students was hurled today by Attorney Richard E. Combs in a 126-page "critical analysis" submitted to the State Senate Investigating Committee on Education, of which Nelson Dillworth of Riverside county is chairman, meeting at the State Building here.

BREED DISGUST

Waiting to testify late today were Col. Louis S. N. Philipp, United States Cavalry Reserve, and Lieut. Col. Edwin C. Mead, United States Army, retired, now a Pasadena real estate man.

They had been asked to study the textbooks to determine if a student after finishing the course would be strengthened or



—Herald-Express Photo

COL. LOUIS PHILIPP Ready to Testify in Probe of California Textbooks

ened in his patriotism and country.

Philipp was to testify books show the "black America and emphasize

"The students that study these books, on completing the course as outlined, have nothing but disgust for their country," he said.

The report by Combs, who was "loaned" to the education investigators by State Senator Jack B. Tenney's Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, was adopted by the school probers unanimously. Copies of it will be sent to parent-teachers organizations throughout the state.

'EDUCATORS FOOLED'

Combs, counsel for the Tenney committee, said his investigation showed that 45 of the textbooks' authors and five other writers listed in the bibliography and footnotes were members of communist organizations. He listed 114 Red front groups to which these writers belonged.

Among authors represented whom Combs listed as associated with Communist-front groups were Charles A. and Mary R. Heard, Louis Adamic, Pearl Buck, Stuart Chase, Lincoln Steffens, Lin Yutang, Granville Hicks and Anna Louise Strong.

Combs emphasized that Dr. Paul Robert Hanna, editorial board chairman for the books, had no Red front connections and described him as "an eminent educator and a loyal, patriotic American." But he added:

"The fact remains that even educators can be fooled by clever Communist propagandists and I am forced to conclude that both Dr. Hanna and Dr. C. C. Trillingham, of the State Curriculum Commission, and Mr. Roy Simpson, state superintendent of public instruction, have been fooled."

Combs said that Dr. Trillingham, "one of the members of the California Curriculum Commission who insisted these books were proper for seventh and

eighth graders," was a national officer in a Red front organization, the Council of United States Veterans.

EXCUSES TRILLINGHAM

"Dr. Trillingham, himself, having once been unwittingly drawn into a Communist front organization and elevated therein to a position on its national advisory board, could hardly be expected to detect Communist propaganda in the series," Combs declared. "A professional educator is not necessarily an expert on Communist propaganda."

His report continued:

"The majority of these books are slanted in such a manner that they pointedly disparage the American way of life by criticizing the defects and failing to devote commensurate attention to the benefits. In many instances the text material is erroneous. Frequently the most insidious and effective propaganda is accomplished through the illustrations and captions."

Profuse with photographic illustrations furnished by Sovfoto, Red propaganda agency, Combs said, is the book on Russia:

"All the Russian women are robust, sturdy, well-fed, well-dressed and appear to have been freshly scrubbed. Every field is lush with grain or corn; every barn is bursting with hay; the people are smiling and happy. None of these Soviet citizens appears to be afraid of the secret police, the purges, exile to the

salt mines or party discipline. The scarcity of necessary materials bother them but little; stores are shown displaying flowered yardage materials, there are pictures of gay ballerinas in the theaters, traveling shops serving the collective farmers in the fields, church services to dispel the silly notion that there is anything atheistic about these carefree Marxists."

But when the series explores similar phases of American life, Combs said, it invariably stresses "the seamy and sordid" aspects, with the aid, in many instances, of photos from the New Deal's Farm Security Administration.

A case in point, Combs declared, is the final and "one of the worst" books in the series, "Seeing America," in which a boy and girl tour the country.

"And so the young couple has seen America," the report said. "They have seen its slums, its shanties, its expropriated farmers and drought victims, its hot dog stands and the shanties of the miners and steel workers. They have seen its mules, its jackasses and its jobless. They have been shown the class struggle through pictures and the wording of captions."

The campaign against the books was first launched by the Sons of the American Revolution in San Francisco, who retained one of their members, Aaron Sargent, to lead the fight against them in California.

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"For anyone to fraternize with enemies of the people of the United States, its Constitution and Government, is bad enough in itself, but when a judge of the Federal bench lends his position and name to traitorous organizations, such as the Communist People's Educational Center, then no condemnation is strong enough to characterize such action.

"In these critical times when the Federal bench will be called upon to deal with cases involving the traitorous activities of Communist-Soviet agents, a man such as Yankwich is not qualified because of his obvious bias and sympathy for pro-Communist, pro-Soviet causes, to sit on the Federal bench."

'STALIN ADMIRER'—

Justice of the Peace Moffatt, according to the report, sent out a letter announcing that the "Red Dean of Canterbury," the Rev. Hewlett Johnson, "England's contribution to the Red Scourge," would be a guest of the American Russian Institute in Los Angeles last November.

"Stanley Moffatt is a self-avowed, if somewhat frenzied admirer of Stalin and the Red dictatorship," it was stated. "He not only lends his name to Communist causes and organizations, but hurls himself into activities with a vigorous abandonment that is almost incredible.

"To say that Moffatt has disgraced the justice's court is to make an understatement."

In its listing of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom, the committee identified Bartley Crum, San Francisco attorney, political figure and vice chairman of "this Communist transmission belt" as one who "has had extensive association with the Communist front movement in the United States."

NAME PREACHER—

It also named the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the Los Angeles' First Unitarian Church, as "a very active Communist-Fronter" who was appointed to his post "much to the chagrin of that portion of the congregation who believe in the United States of America."

The nine basic tests for determining whether an organization is Communist or Stalinist, the report went on, are by determining the answers to these questions:

"1. Who are the organization's sponsors?

"2. Who are the individuals and organizations who call for the group's formation?

"3. Who does the printing and who directs and writes the organization's publicity?

"4. What are the organization's policies?

"5. What are the organization's tactics?

"6. What is the organization's attitude on foreign affairs?

"7. What is its attitude on domestic affairs?

"8. What is its attitude on national security?

"9. What is its attitude on Marxism - Leninism - Stalinism?"

WARNING—

The committee warned:

"The mere fact that a person appears as a sponsor or indorser of a number of Communist Front groups does not, by any means, indicate that he or she is actually a member of the Communist Party.

"While it certainly indicates a sort of unusual stupidity, it may, as a matter of fact, only mean that the individual is a good-intentioned sucker for Communist deceit and deception.

"On the other hand, the fact that a name may appear but once, or comparatively few times, is no indication that the person is not a member of the Communist Party. It may be indicative that the person is not a member of the Communist Party. It may be indicative that he or she is a most important member of the secret, conspirative, illegal section of the party."

The voluminous document was based on extensive investigations directed by Chief Counsel R. E. Combs and Executive Secretary Murray Stravers.

Wallace's Third Party Branded American Tool of Communists by Tenney Committee Report

(Special to the Los Angeles Examiner)

SACRAMENTO, March 25.

—The State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities declared today that the "Third Party" drive to elect Henry A. Wallace President of the United States was the latest example of the program of political and legislative activity by the Communists for furtherance of their totalitarian objectives.

The committee, headed by Senator Jack B. Tenney, declared:

"Behind a facade of specious promises of 'peace, progress and prosperity,' the third party movement has proceeded with mechanical precision, following every twist and turn of the Communist Party line on foreign and domestic issues.

"It has conducted its activities in such a manner as to stamp itself as an American tool of the International Communist conspiracy. Its policies, tactics and appeals fit the specifications for every type of Communist front organization described and classified in the entire report of this committee, and it follows the party 'line' meticulously.

SAME COURSE—

"The third party movement to elect Henry Wallace is the creature of the Communist

Party. Its policies, programs, organization, structure, public relations, personnel and directing leadership all have followed and now follow the Communist Party pattern with unbroken monotony. Its key personnel are known Communists, fellow-travelers and veteran apologists for Soviet Russia and American Communism.

"Hugh Bryson, state chairman of the Independent Progressive Party in California, is a Communist and a veteran of Communist conspiratorial activity in the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, C. I. O."

Judge Yankwich was attacked in connection with the committee's analysis of the People's Educational Center. The judge appeared before the Senate body last month and declared it had been intimated he was "taken in" because he had addressed the Center. He told the committee "I do not care whether they are Communists or anything else, . . ."

JUDGE SCORED—

The Tenney committee reported today that Judge Yankwich "wanted to make a speech to the audience" and "it was only after he was admonished by the chairman that he finally consented to address the committee."

The report continued:

"The committee finds that Judge Yankwich's conduct and attitude is a disgraceful reflection upon the Federal bench."

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Legislators He Assailed Hit Back at Tenney

SACRAMENTO, March 25 (AP) — Sen. Jack Tenney is a "would-be California Hitler," it was charged tonight by Assemblyman Edward Elliott, one of five legislators listed on the Senate Un-American Committee's roll of Californians with leanings judged too leftish.

Statements against Tenney, the chairman, also came from Assemblyman August F. Hawkins, Los Angeles, and George D. Collins, San Francisco.

Hawkins' advice to Tenney, composer of "Mexicali Rose," was:

"He should stick to song writing."

Said Elliott:

"The Nazi-minded Sen. Tenney is wasting public funds with his insidious Committee and endeavoring to undermine democracy by using it as an instrument to intimidate and attack sincere officeholders working for the welfare of all of the people. It is time for the fair-minded and decent people of California to take action to terminate the un-American activities of this would-be California Hitler."

To Oppose Expenditures

Continued Hawkins in his statement:

"I shall continue to oppose the expenditure of taxpayers' money for Mr. Tenney to campaign for public office and use his committee to attack freedom of speech. His charges are as baseless as his public record and equally devoid of logical reasoning."

Wrote Collins:

"For many years Sen. Tenney has been making statements about various people in his so-called 'Reports on Un-American Activities.' If those declarations have no more evidence to support them than that made about me they are unworthy of notice or consideration and many thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money have been and are being wasted. The American principle of fair play by giving a party an opportunity to be heard does not appeal to Sen. Tenney."

Calls Tenney 'Liar'

In San Francisco Sidney Roger, CIO news commentator, said:

"Sen. Tenney proves himself an unprincipled liar in calling me a paid functionary of the Communist Party. He is lying and I am quite willing to prove it in any court of the land. Significantly, he fails to mention that I appeared voluntarily before his committee and swore under oath that I am not a Communist. I take my oath seriously."

If Tenney would waive his legislative immunity the American Civil Liberties Union "would be happy to sue him for libel" for calling it a Communist front, Ernest Besig, ACLU Northern California director, said the union has informed the Senator. He said the union, so far as he knew, has never been the subject of hearings by the Tenney committee.

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Third Party Tool of Reds, Tenney Report Declares

Judges Yankwich and
Moffatt Scored

By Carl Greenberg
Los Angeles Examiner Staff Correspondent

EXAMINER BUREAU,
SACRAMENTO, March 25.—

In a report listing nearly 400 Communist front organizations, the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities today branded the Wallace "third party" movement a "creature of the Communist Party."

The committee, headed by Senator Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, also:

1. Declared U. S. District Judge Leon R. Yankwich of Los Angeles, not qualified to sit on the Federal bench because of asserted sympathy for Red causes.

2. Lauded the Hearst newspapers for their unyielding fight against Red Fascism and cited William Randolph Hearst personally for his "courageous" stand against the Communist menace.

3. Condemned Huntington Park Justice of the Peace Stanley Moffatt for hurling himself "into Communist activities with a vigorous abandonment that is almost incredible."

9 BASIC TESTS—

4. Held that the National Share-Croppers Fund, soliciting money for pickets at Di Giorgio Farms, near Bakersfield, is a "Communist Front . . . Organized for the purpose of creating agitation and dissension in agricultural districts throughout the United States."

5. Gave nine "basic tests" that can be applied to any organization "to determine its Communist or Stalinist character."

6. Found that the Newsvendors Union, Local 75, CIO, Los Angeles, is a "Communist organized and controlled front."

7. Other groups listed as Red Fronts included the American-Russian Institute, the Committee for the First Amendment, Freedom From Fear Committee, Actors Laboratory Theater, Los Angeles Youth Committee Against Universal Military Training, and National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training.

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DAV ASKS U.S. OUTLAW REDS

Resolution Raps Film Official;
Convention Will End Today

By Walter Naughton

LONG BEACH, June 15.—By unanimous resolution, California's Disabled American Veterans today called upon Congress to outlaw the Communist Party.

This and the arrival of National Commander John L. Golob were highlights as Department Commander John W. Shannon conducted the second business session of the 27th annual state convention.

The convention will close tomorrow with annual election of new state officers.

Delegates from 182 chapters heard a stirring address by State Senator Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the legislative un-American Activities Committee.

Senator Tenney charged that, since the Communist Party was outlawed on the ballot in California in 1940, the Independent Progressive Party has taken its place and "is the new Communist Party."

AYD ASSAILED

Tenney also struck at the American Youth for Democracy organization, charging it is the successor to the Young Communist League and that it is "working night and day to recruit the youth of the nation into its ranks."

In another unanimous resolution, the convention petitioned RKO studios to employ only American writers.

This resolution mentioned Dore Schary, production head of the studio, and declared he "should be censured for unharmonious Marxian policies, disguised as an expression of liberalism."

National Commander Golob, a Hibbing, Minnesota, insurance executive, will address the convention at 11 a. m. today.

A resolution calling for a state bonus of \$500 cash for all World War II paraplegics was drafted by the legislative committee and is expected to receive a favorable vote from the delegates today.

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Tenney Asserts Reds Control 10,000,000 Voters

The Communists control upward of 10,000,000 voters in this country, estimates Jack B. Tenney, member of the State Senate from Los Angeles County, and chairman of its Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.

In an address before the Kiwanis Club at the Biltmore yesterday, Sen. Tenney called on Democrats and Republicans to be on their guard against uncover Communist workers.

"The American Communist Party manual," he said, says that not more than 10% of the movement should appear as a legal party above board, and that the underground, the illegal part, is the most important. That is why we have listed 400 known 'front' organizations, and we find Communist concentration in all kinds of organizations.

Mentions Gallagher

"Leo Gallagher, Los Angeles attorney who long has appeared in defense of Communists, recently was elected to the County Committee of the Democratic Party. Democrats, I think you should do something about that!

"The Communist Party has been outlawed in California since 1949, but believe me, it will be on the ballot this year in the camouflaged name of the Independent Political Party, the Wallaceites. Despite all the propaganda and prattle from Communists, their party is nothing more than a revolutionary organization directed by a foreign or."

Bill Not Strong Enough

"The Mundt-Nixon bill, despite the screams that go up from the Kremlin, from 18th St. in New York and from 8th St. in Los Angeles, does not outlaw the Communist Party. I think it does not go far enough that the party should be outlawed by national statute. Under the Mundt-Nixon bill, William Schneiderman, chairman of the California Communist Party, should be in the penitentiary."

"However, our law in California has not been enforced. Maybe the Mundt-Nixon bill won't be either. Organizations have sprung up everywhere to fight this bill. Two hundred lawyers here headed by Isaac Facht formed one of them."

Explains Technique

Sen. Tenney said that the front organization is the essence of Communist success.

"Their technique," he went on, "is to move masses of non-Communists in times of crisis. They have their workers secretly in Negro organizations, in labor organizations and elsewhere in groups where there may be grievances of one kind or another that can be exploited. If there are no grievances the Communists invent them. Their theory is that at the proper time these groups, which are non-Communist, will rise to overthrow their government and ruin themselves with their own efforts and their own money."

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Tenney Probing Library Books

Sen. Jack B. Tenney, head of the State Committee on Un-American Activities, yesterday began an investigation into the type of literature contained on the shelves of the library at Los Angeles City College.

Sen. Tenney said that he has information which indicates that pro-Russian publications find easy access to the library while anti-Communist books are "withheld for further study."

"It seems strange to me," he said, "that books treating the Russians favorably are admitted to the library without question while those written in an opposite vein have to be 'studied'."

He said he has ordered investigators to determine who makes the decisions concerning the LACC library and also "why the discrimination apparently is being made."

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Church group raps Tenney committee

LONG BEACH, June 28. (Special) State Sen. Jack Tenney's Un-American Activities Committee underwent a going-over today in a report submitted to the Presbyterian Synod of California meeting here.

"We recommend that the Synod request the Legislature to replace Senator Tenney and his committee with more judicial minded men who will preserve democratic processes," the committee report said.

While making "no defense of those who while sharing the privileges of our country seek to undermine the very structure from which those privileges spring," the report went on to say:

"We would remind the churches of Synod that one of the groups most subversive to our American way of life is a smear group which in the name of Americanism destroys the traditional American right of a good name and the freedom of conscience.

"We regard the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities of the California Legislature as such a group."

The group, in the fifth day of its convention here, also joined with the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly in opposing the Mundt-Nixon bill as "a denial of civil rights and as bordering on thought control."

The Tenney report, submitted by the Social Education in Action Committee, will be debated on the convention floor tomorrow.

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Smearing!

A subcommittee of the Presbyterian Synod of California recommends the replacement of State Senator Jack B. Tenney and the other members of the State Legislature committee on un-American activities with "more judicial-minded men."

The committee calls the Tenney group a "smear group which in the name of Americanism destroys the traditional American right of a good name and the freedom of conscience."

The Presbyterian committee cannot sustain its charge against the Tenney committee and thereby, in its own language, it becomes a "smear group."

Tenney is not a man of judicial temperament. That fact can be admitted at the start. But a man of judicial temperament would accomplish nothing. The communists would "make mince meat" of any man on the committee who is of judicial temperament.

A man of judicial temperament is not a fighter. One who goes out to uncover the sinister methods of the communists to destroy our democracy must be a fighter for he will be fought at every step.

A man of judicial temperament is "thin skinned." One who takes on the communists in battle must be thick skinned or the communists will destroy him before he gets started.

A man of judicial temperament is not willing to take chances of making mistakes. One who battles the communists must be as willing to make mistakes as are the communists.

To sustain its smear of the Tenney committee, the Presbyterian group must provide the public with the names of persons whose "traditional American right of a good name" has been destroyed.

The Tenney reports are full of names. If there is any basis for the Presbyterian committee's smear of the Tenney committee it can pick out some of those names and show how their possessors have been denied the "traditional American right of a good name."

If there is any basis for the Presbyterian committee's smear it will point out names of persons whose "freedom of conscience" has been denied to them.

We venture the guess that none of the members of the Presbyterian committee has ever read all of the Tenney reports.

We venture the guess that none of the members has ever given any thought to means and methods of exposing the operations of the communists through various false fronts. Otherwise the Presbyterian group would not, in our opinion, be condemning the Tenney committee for exposing the fact that some innocent people get into the communist false fronts.

Innocent people who find themselves unwittingly in a communist front ought to be grateful to the Tenney committee for exposing the front.

Good citizens do not want to assist communists in the destruction of American democracy and its liberties including freedom of religion. If a good citizen learns through a Tenney committee that unwittingly he has been a member of a communist front he should be most grateful to the Tenney committee for opening his eyes.

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TENNEY WARNS OF RED DUPE

(Special to the Los Angeles Examiner)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Russia is committed to war against the United States when the time is "ripe," and the Communist Party in this country forms the vanguard for the struggle.

Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the California State Senate Un-American Activities Committee, made this statement before the San Francisco Commonwealth Club today.

Tenney stirred club members with his story of the menace of Communism, and the need to "rout the rats out now—tomorrow may be too late."

Emphasizing that the danger is not remote, he declared that "America can go down" unless the citizens immediately "face the true situation."

Points made by Tenney:

1. Leaders in Communist dominated Congress of Industrial Organizations unions have been smuggled out of San Francisco and other parts of the United States to be trained in sabotage and espionage in the Lenin Institute in Moscow.

2. Eight well-trained Communists could destroy San Francisco or any other city of similar size, by placing bombs at strategic locations. Their purpose would be to disrupt sanitation, transportation, communications and other vital functions.

DUPES DANGEROUS—

3. In addition to "above ground" and underground Communists, three categories—fellow travelers, opportunists and dupes—are aiding the Communist cause. Dupes are among the most dangerous.

During his discussion, Tenney highly praised William Randolph Hearst. He said he is the conspicuous example of a newspaper publisher who has recognized and fought Communism over the years.

To prove his point that the philosophical concepts of the Communists call for war with the United States, the speaker quoted a statement he said was made by Stalin. He declared that Stalin had stated that even if war could be avoided, the Russians would not dare to do so because "it would be a betrayal of Marxism."

"The Communist Party in the United States is not a domestic political party," Tenney added. "It is part of an international conspiracy for the destruction of all capitalistic governments by force and violence."

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Solons From 9 States Meet Here to Map Fight on Reds

A conference of state legislators from nearly every section of the country opened here today with the avowed purpose of drawing battle lines for the fight against Communism in every state.

Eight states besides California answered the call of State Senator Jack B. Tenney to attend the two-day meeting at the State Building.

Before it closes, they will be given information on how to establish committees similar to California's legislative Un-American Activities Committee.

The need for such investigating groups was outlined by Tenney and State Senator Thomas H. Blenz of Washington, who was named chairman of the conference.

"There is a clear and present danger to our country and it lies in Communist activities," Blenz said. "The Communist party is a secret military organization that is spread throughout the country."

Tenney declared that collectively, "we hope to formulate a program that will do the job" of exposing and ridding the country of Communists.

"We have found that there is a great apathy and lethargy

among the uninformed population of this state," Tenney continued.

He suggested that a program of laws be formulated and that this, then, be simultaneously introduced into all state legislatures.

"This will awaken the people to the problem," he said.

Represented at the conferences in addition to California were the states of Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, New Mexico, and Washington.



State Senator Jack B. Tenney and legislators from other states are shown in a conference here today as they discussed plans to intensify the fight against Communism.

Left to right, front, A. F. Canwell, N. S. Dileworth, and State Senator Thomas H. Blenz of Washington, chairman of the conference. Standing, Senator Tenney.

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Underground Move

There is reason to believe that California's Communist Party and other units of the Soviet Union's political arm in the United States are preparing to go underground.

So Richard E. Combs, counsel for the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, declared today as he recited the names of 28 party members recently expelled, 22 of them in northern California and six in San Diego.

Combs was addressing delegates from 11 states and Hawaii gathered at the State Building for final day sessions of the Interstate Legislative Conference on Subversive Activities, a conference summoned by State Senator Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the California legislative group.

PURGE OF WEAKLINGS

"There is a brand new technique in the United States," Combs said, "a purging of the weak and lunatic fringe in the Communist Party. This indicates that the party is going underground, and by the time

it does it will have rid itself of weaklings and will be the hard unyielding core that is the essence of international Communism."

Discipline within the party "gets tougher and tougher," Combs declared.

The California anti-subversive fighter described some of the investigative techniques and hearing practices that legislative committees may use to expose and confound Reds.

Speaking at the same session were W. C. (Tom) Sawyer, national Americanism chairman for the American Legion, and Assemblyman Albert F. Canwell, chairman of Washington State's legislative committee on subversive activities.

ANTI-RED PROGRAM

Sawyer described how the Legion formulated a "positive program" for combatting Communism's encroachments on the American way of life, and displayed a comic book which the Legion has distributed to explain the advantages of the United

States political and economic system.

He said the Legion comic book, entitled "Is This Tomorrow?", was so successful that:

"The Daily Worker cried about it for weeks."

"We have not been vigilant," Sawyer declared. "Many of our people have been lulled to sleep. We must awaken them before it is too late."

"When the Communists become so proficient in setting

up fronts that they suck in Senators, Congressmen, and outstanding leaders in all walks of life—even Legionnaires, it's time to go to work on them."

Combs, who conducts most of the Tenney committee hearings, gave the delegates the benefit of his experience as an anti-subversive fighter. He told how valuable information can be obtained by "planting" agents inside the party for winning the confidence of disillusioned party members.

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